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Jobs under threat as Daily Mail press faces closure

Festive fun on town streets

Thousands took to the streets of Didcot on Thursday last week for the annual street fair.

Among the many attractions were funfair rides, stalls and take away food.

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Picture by 6point75

By Alex Iszatt

DOZENS of jobs are under threat at the Daily Mail print site in Didcot as the owners consider closing the operation.

Harmsworth Printing, on Old Milton Road, is under the threat of closure after owners dmg media began an enquiry into the site.

A decision on the process is expected to be complete by the end of December.

A spokesman for dmg media said: "Following an internal evaluation, dmg media is proposing the closure of its Didcot printing site."

The company has closed numerous sites over the past six years as it downsizes.

According to Companies House the business has a net worth of -£12million, which is down -£1.3m from last year.

If Didcot is closed then all remaining printing will be undertaken in Thurrock, Essex.

The spokesman said: "Under the proposal, a portion of the print copy currently handled at the Didcot site will be moved to dmg media's existing Thurrock print site and a number of third party options are being explored in order to meet remaining print demand at the required product and quality specifications."

The £82 million flexo Didcot plant is set on a 10-acre site and was opened in 2006, hitting full production in October 2007.

There are understood to be 80 employees at the Old Milton Road site and as yet the company has not confirmed what is likely to happen to them.

• *The Daily Mail press on Old Milton Road faces closure*

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Woman badly hurt in city centre bus crash

AN elderly woman was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries after being hit by a coach in Oxford city centre.

South Central Ambulance Service said the 77-year-old woman sustained serious leg injuries in the accident in St Aldate's shortly before 2.30pm on Monday.

The coach ran over the woman's legs, said an ambulance service spokesman. The victim was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

The Oxford Bus Company Oxford-to-London X90 bus was cordoned off at the top of St Aldate's as police carried out their investigations.

Ambulance and fire services were also on the scene. An air ambulance hovered over the scene but the victim was taken to hospital by road.

The bus firm's managing director Phil Southall said: "At around 2.25pm this afternoon [Monday], one of our coaches was involved in an incident with a female pedestrian on the High Street in Oxford.

"We are currently working closely with the emergency services, with the wellbeing of the pedestrian being our utmost priority.

"A full investigation into all the circumstances surrounding the incident will take place as a matter of urgency."

The accident caused major delays to bus services as both High Street and St Aldate's were closed in both directions.

Witness Amy Andrews tweeted: "Incident at St Aldates looks grisly. I saw lots of blood underneath the front of the X90 bus."

Any witnesses to the accident should contact police on 101.

Shops hit

OXFORD: Police have released CCTV images of four people wanted in connection with incidents of criminal damage in Oxford.

At about 3.10am on November 13, the windows of shops and businesses and a BMW car in Cornmarket Street and St Michael's Street were damaged. The businesses affected included Arcadia, Mission Burrito, Oxonian Rewley Press and the former Austin Reed store.

Contact police on 101.

Three lucky to flee suspected arson at house

• The fire-hit house in Kidlington, police are appealing for witnesses to what they suspect may be an arson attack (Pictures by Steve Hurd)

By George Welch

A FIVE-YEAR-OLD boy and two adults cheated death when they fled their burning Kidlington home in a suspected arson attack in the early hours.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the fire which is believed to have started in the porch at the two-storey terrace house in Bassett Way at about 1.50am on Friday.

They say an offender/s is believed to have started the blaze at the front door of the property, which then spread.

As well as the boy, a 50-year-old man and a woman, aged 36, were able to escape from the house through windows.

The man and the boy were treated for smoke inhalation at the scene by paramedics, but the woman was taken to hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation. She has since been discharged.

Fire engines from Kidlington and two from Rewley Road fire station in Oxford attended.

Investigating officer Det Con Ruth Ivins, of Bicester Force CID, said: "We believe that arson was the cause of this incident, which could have led to the death of three people, one of whom was a five-year-old child.

"Fortunately, they all managed to escape from the property, but the outcome could have been very different."

Watch manager Gary Crone, of Kidlington Fire Station, described the blaze as "a very serious incident".

He said: "When we arrived, we were faced with a substantial fire in the front-door area which my crew had to deal with before they could get into the property to search for the occupants.

"It was at that time that the occupants were making their escape from the first floor."

He added: "Whilst this type of fire is fortunately rare, it is important that householders think about what they would do in the event of a fire in their home and work out a fire plan."

Steve Hurd, whose sister lives next door to the fire-hit home in Bassett Way, posted on Facebook: "Thank god nobody was hurt and they all managed to get out."

Mr Hurd has set up a gofundme page to help the family recover from the damage to their home.

To date, £741 of the £2,500 target has been raised.

To donate to the fund, visit http://tinyurl.com/zc5xz6c

Any witnesses to the incident or anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Thousands enjoy street fair

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets of Didcot as the town celebrated the start of the festive season with its annual street fair.

Amid shouts, screams and howls of delight, young and old enjoyed a variety of stalls selling food and novelties.

The sky was lit up with the lights from fairground rides as well as the seasonal illuminations that brought oohs and aahs.

Many youngsters were also entranced by the sight of Batman in his Batmobile driving through the streets ahead of the parade which wound its way from the Orchard Centre to the Broadway.

The shopping centre also played host to young singers and dancers on a stage put up in the amphitheatre area.

Pictures by 6point75

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Man, 20, given prison sentence

DIDCOT: A 20-year-old Didcot man has been given an 18-month prison sentence for a series of offences including criminal damage and assaulting officers in the town in May.

Josh Abbott of Mendip Heights, pleaded guilty at Oxford Crown Court on November 18 to two counts of criminal damage to a vehicle, one count of criminal damage to a house, one count of affray, one count of possession of a bladed article and two counts of obstructing a constable in execution of their duty.

He was sentenced at the same hearing.

Abbott had been arrested on May 25 and charged with the offences on October 26.

On May 25, between 5.30am and 7am, Abbott caused damage to a house on Mendip Heights and then damaged two vehicles on Station Road whilst in possession of a knife.

He then obstructed the officers detaining him, causing injuries to them.

• *Josh Abbott*

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Wheelchair dancer sues over floor damage claim

By Alex Iszatt

A HEADINGTON paraplegic who was banned from a dance competition is taking legal action against the company that claims he damaged its floor.

Fred Walden, 54, was watching a dance competition run by Jive Addiction at the Radisson Blu hotel near Heathrow when he took to the floor in the break.

"All I wanted to do was dance, and they came over and stopped me saying I was damaging the floor, I was then (subsequently) banned for life."

Jive Addiction had brought its own floor – which Mr Walden says he was told by the company costs £50,000 and is made of Russian birch plywood – a product which he claims is only as strong as the varnish.

Mr Walden immediately took photos of the area where he had been dancing, which shows no damage. At a later date, the company sent him some blurry images of a close up section of the floor, which Mr Walden claims could have been anywhere.

Not new to dance competitions, and plywood floors, Mr Walden, has travelled the country dancing at jive, blues, and swing competitions since he took up dancing 15 years ago.

"I have never had any complaints, and nine of the organisations have backed up my claim by saying I never damaged their floors."

Mr Walden, who dances with able-bodied partners, is suing Jive Addiction for discrimination under the Equality Act 2010 – he is seeking a declaration that the company acted in breach of its obligations under the act, an order that it should comply with its obligations, and damages for injury to his feelings. If I had genuinely damaged the floor I would be the first to apologise, but I didn't."

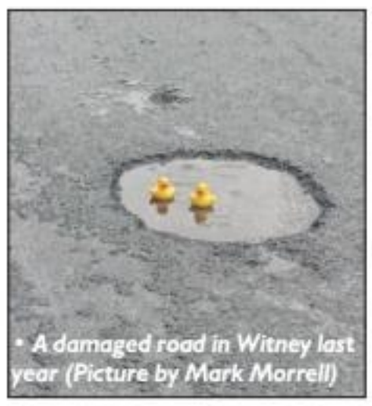
Originally Mr Walden only wanted an apology from the company after the incident in October 2015, after their proof didn't show the specific area of the floor that was damaged. They refused to apologise and Mr Walden says he has been left with no option but to take the matter to court, a process which has taken six months so far.

"I would love an apology – but now I want to clear my name."

Jive Addiction has been approached for a comment.

• Fred Walden and partner

'Is that all?' County funding not enough to tackle potholes



• A damaged road in Witney last year (Picture by Mark Morrell)

A COUNCILLOR has hit out at 'insufficient' funding to repair thousands of potholes across Oxfordshire.

The Department for Transport (DfT) announced a £70m fund to fix potholes across the country on Monday and also revealed Oxfordshire would benefit from £1,315,000 – enough to fix almost 25,000 potholes.

Oxfordshire's allocation of £1.3m is only beaten in the South East by Surrey (£1.35m), Hampshire (£2.1m) and Kent (£2.2m).

But West Oxfordshire District councillor for Witney Duncan Enright said the provision is not enough.

In response to being told the figure, the Labour candidate in Witney's October by-election said: "Is that all – [that] doesn't sound like enough."

Following the recent distribution of funds, a total number of 24,800 potholes across the county will be fixed or stopped from forming.

Cllr Enright added: "Any extra addition is welcome. As a result of my (and others) efforts and campaigning, there has been an improvement.

"It is important that people keep reporting pot holes and remind councillors to do their duty."

Following last week's Autumn Statement, transport secretary Chris Grayling released a breakdown of the government's major investment in roads.

The Government has allocated over £11.6 million to the South East region to fix around 220,000 potholes from 2017 to 2018 or stop them forming in the first place.

According to the report, it costs £53 on average to fill a pothole.

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Hedgehog caught

WITNEY: A hedgehog was rescued by the RSPCA after he had got himself tangled in netting used to cover a household recycling box.

RSPCA inspector Helen Mead was called to rescue the hog from the box outside a house in Pelican Place on Saturday.

The animal welfare charity is urging people to avoid using any kind of netting if possible as it can be harmful to wildlife.

Candle fire

CARTERTON: An unattended candle caused a fire in a Carterton home last weekend.

Three engines from Bampton, Burford and Rewley Road fire stations attended the blaze on Acacia Avenue just after 4.30pm on Sunday.

Fire crews faced smoke bellowing from a first floor window.

The fire was extinguished and one woman was treated for smoke inhalation.

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Report: Violence on the rise inside Bullingdon Prison

By George Welch

STAFF shortages are damaging morale and may have caused a rise in violence at HMP Bullingdon, according to a new report.

The report, which was published on Monday by the prison's Independent Monitoring Board (IMB), said "indiscipline and violence have increased noticeably" since 2013 cutbacks.

The Board said it is concerned about 'increasing difficulties' in recruiting and maintaining the high levels of service expected.

It also said the "serious shortcomings" of contractor Carillion, which has been carrying out repairs and work projects, were having a substantial impact.

The report said: "The prison's effective and efficient functioning has been affected substantially by the performance of outside contractors. Service levels provided by Carillion in the works area have been far from satisfactory and this has caused significant difficulties for the prison's staff."

The Ministry of Justice said it was looking for improvement from Carillion and said "public funds should always be subject to the highest scrutiny".

A Ministry of Justice spokesperson added: "The prisons minister Sam Gymiah has met with Carillion and we are working to make sure the company is delivering what is expected of them.

"We have robust processes in place to closely monitor and manage the performance of all contractors across the prison estate and will not hesitate to take tough action where standards fall short."

In addition, substance abuse is still a significant contributory factor in reported rising levels of violence by prisoners, the report claimed.

MP for Banbury Victoria Prentis said: "The IMB report highlights many of the challenges facing our excellent prison staff at HMP Bullingdon and across the prison estate.

"Through my work on the Justice Committee, I have been involved in developing an ambitious programme of prison reform, which I hope will ease pressures on staff.

"I am in regular contact with the Governor of HMP Bullingdon, Ian Blakeman, and have no doubt about his commitment to the prison and his officers."

As part of their investigation, the Board carried out 465 visits to the prison, situated in the village of Arncott, near Bicester, which opened in 1992 and holds up to 1,114 male inmates.

Paul Miller, chairman of IMB Bullingdon, said: "The Board has highlighted for the minister the fact that it has become increasingly difficult to maintain staffing at levels defined as acceptable by the prison service.

"This difficulty has had a detrimental effect on the quantity and quality of the interactions of staff with individual prisoners, and may relate to the rise in violence and indiscipline."

The Ministry of Justice said it is recruiting 2,500 extra officers across the prison system.

Youth club's £50,000 for new centre

MEMBERS of a Woodstock youth club are celebrating after councillors agreed a £50,000 grant to help build their new purpose-built home.

The youth centre will now press ahead with its plans to construct a clubhouse on its existing site in Recreation Road, which will house its hundreds of weekly users as well as other groups.

The grant, which was given as part of the Community Facilities Grant, was agreed by cabinet members at West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) and means the club is near to the £208,000 it needs to start building work following a 10-year fundraising campaign.

Jane Hibberd, vice chairman and youth leader at the centre, welcomed the funding. She said: "We are absolutely delighted with the funding – it has given us a great boost to move forward with this. It will bring in new people and help provide the community leaders of the future."

• From left: Ann Grant, Secretary; Jane Hibberd, Vice-Chairman and volunteer Jackie Hibberd

The Nordic building, which has planning consent, will replace the existing clubhouse, which is more than 50 years old. It is hoped building will take place next summer.

Councillor Jeanette Baker, cabinet member for leisure and health at WODC, said: "Woodstock is a popular and vibrant youth club. I am delighted it has secured funding and look forward to visiting the new clubhouse in the near future."

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MPs in A34 talks

OXON: Oxfordshire MPs met roads minister John Hayes on Tuesday last week to discuss safety improvements to the A34.

Mr Hayes advised them that he intends to make sure short-term measures and improvements are delivered as quickly and cost effectively as possible.

The MPs met Highways England a week earlier to discuss the progress of a safety review focusing on the M4 to M40 stretch which has the most accidents.

Work starts again

OXFORD: Work on a multi-million pound pipeline project between two Oxford hospitals got under way for a second time this week.

Contractors began to dig a trench in January 2016 but suspended work days later when it was discovered they lacked the correct permissions.

The pipe will transfer energy between the John Radcliffe, off Headley Way, and Churchill Hospital, off Old Road, and is designed to cut bills.

Fatal crash arrest

WALLINGFORD: An 18-year-old Wallingford man has been arrested following the death of a motorcyclist in a collision on the A4074 near the town.

The crash just after midnight on Tuesday involved a Scania HGV, a Vauxhall Corsa and the rider of a Yamaha motorcycle, a 27-year-old man from Reading.

The teenager was arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving and driving whilst over the limit.

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Health trust has made significant improvements

By George Welch

A HEALTH trust heavily criticised for not investigating hundreds of patient deaths is improving patient safety, according to inspectors.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC), who published their report from their September inspection on Friday, said Southern Health had made "a number of significant improvements" in identifying risks to patients.

The report said: "It was our view that they demonstrated clearer recognition of the need to drive through and complete the work to assess, manage and prioritise patient safety issues.

"There was clear evidence that action was being taken in a more timely and proactive manner."

The trust has prioritised safeguarding patients with mental health disabilities, the watchdog added.

Issues at the trust came under greater scrutiny after 18-year-old Connor Sparrowhawk drowned in a bath at Slade House in Headington, one of its Oxford facilities, in July 2013.

• Katrina Percy

In December 2015 an investigation commissioned by NHS England found that Southern Health had only properly investigated 272 of 722 deaths over the previous four years.

The trust was given a warning notice by the CQC after inspectors visited in January – it also remains in breach of a number of regulations from an October 2014 inspection.

The inspection team said the trust had taken sufficient action to meet the requirements set out in the warning notice but the report added there "is still significant work to do".

When the inspection was carried out, the heavily criticised former chief executive Katrina Percy was in charge.

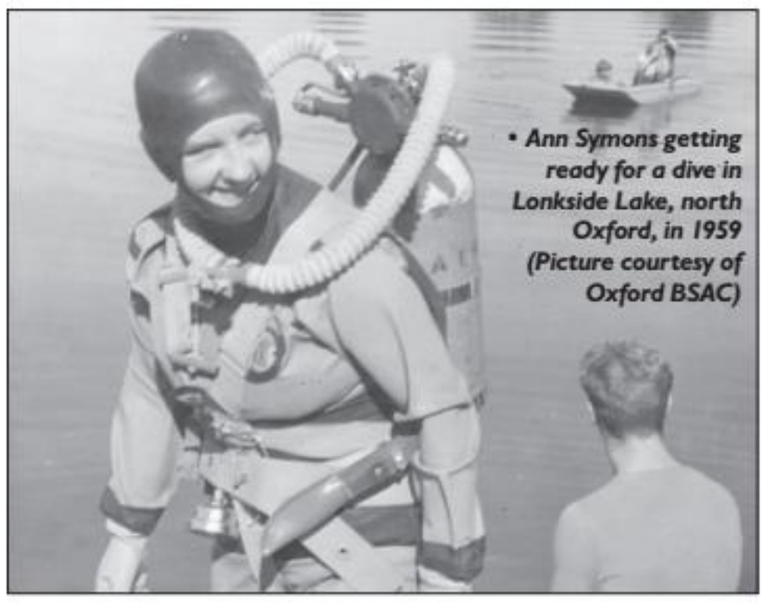
The trust was hit with more criticism when it appeared Ms Percy was offered a tailor-made post at the trust on the same salary.

She quit as chief executive in August, citing "media attention" before stepping down from her new role advising GPs in October.

Alan Yates, who was appointed interim chair of the trust on November 3, will head a major investigation into the running of the organisation, which is expected to be published in February next year.

Southern Health, which provides mental health services to patients across Oxfordshire, Hampshire, Dorset, Wiltshire and Buckinghamshire, 'require improvement in its 'safe', 'effective' and 'well-led' category.

It achieved 'good' in the 'caring' and 'responsive' categories.



• Ann Symons getting ready for a dive in Lonkside Lake, north Oxford, in 1959 (Picture courtesy of Oxford BSAC)

Scuba club celebrates its 60th anniversary

AN Oxford scuba club, whose members helped raise the sunken war ship the Mary Rose, is celebrating its landmark 60th anniversary.

Oxford Sub-Aqua Club formed in 1956 and in tribute to its six decades of underwater exploration, the club has shared memories from its photo archives.

The divers have enjoyed exploring some of the world's most historic underwater sites including Second World War wrecks in the UK and Normandy and Henry VIII's famous battleship, Mary Rose, which sank in battle in 1545.

The club's founder Ann Symons died last month aged 92. She is regarded as one of the pioneers of the sport in Oxford, and will be remembered with a dive in a lake in Snowdonia. The dive will take place 1,430ft above sea level in an ice-covered, 60m deep lake.

Professor Chris Stevens, the club's current diving officer and an advanced instructor who joined the club 16 years ago, said: "Sixty years ago, there were only a very small number of people diving. We have pictures of guys stepping into the reservoir in Oxford in their woolly jumpers."

He added: "We have a broad range of ages; our eldest is in their 80s while our youngest is just four – my little lad Alfie."

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Men cut from car

OXON: Hydraulic rescue equipment was required to free two men trapped after a head on collision between Drayton and Abingdon on Saturday.

Two fire engines from Abingdon and a specialist rescue unit from Didcot fire station were sent to the scene at 5.13pm and found two people in one of the cars 'severely' trapped.

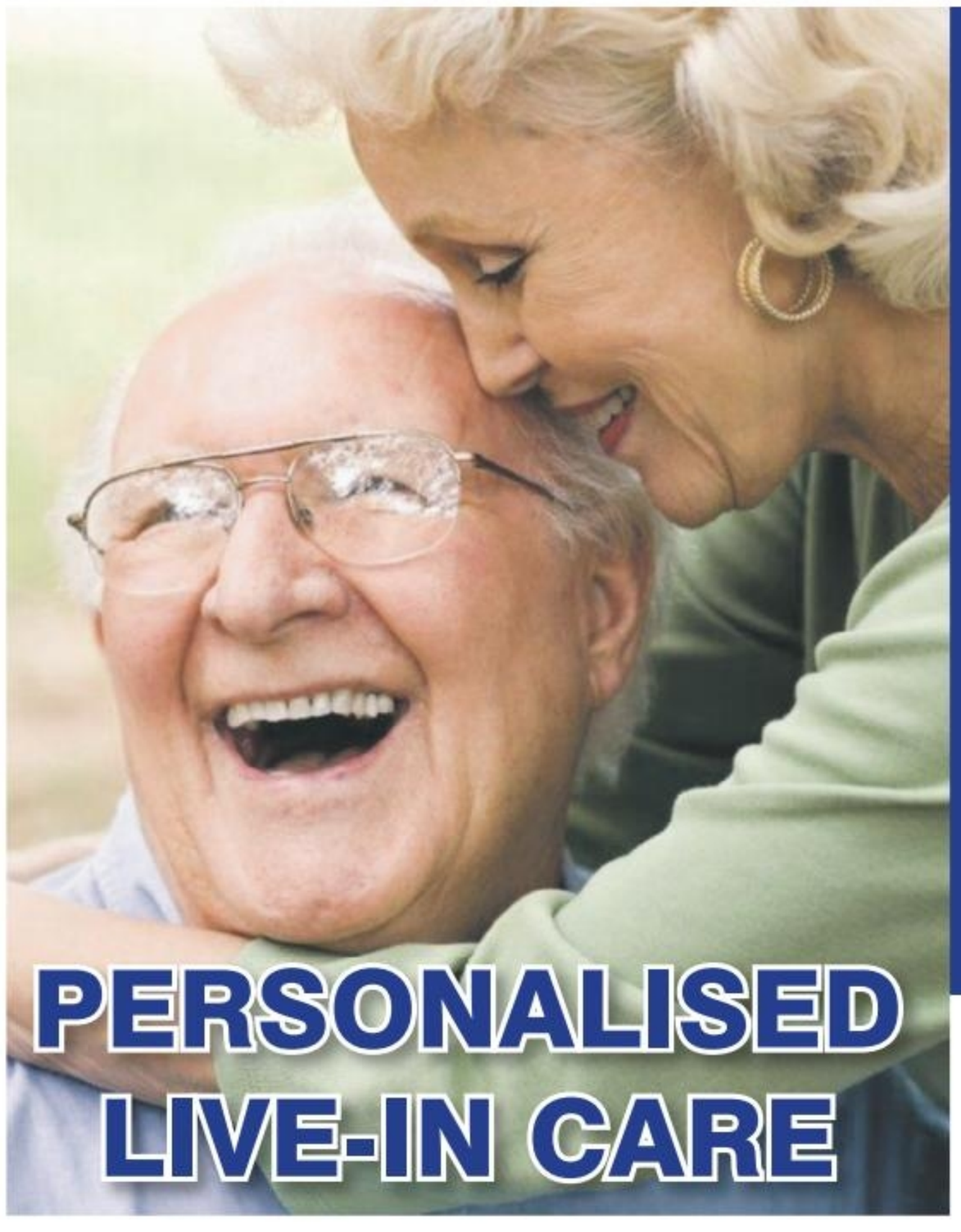
The roof of the car was removed by specialised equipment to help free the men.

A helicopter team attended with doctors on board who assisted with the rescue and treatment of the casualties.

The cause of the collision is under investigation by police.

Housing award

SOUTH AND VALE: South Oxfordshire District Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council's housing and homelessness support has been voted as one of the best in the country by the National Practitioner Support Service (NPSS). They were both voted in the top eight nationally.



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Drivers fined

OXON: A dozen lorry drivers have been fined more then £4,000 for breaching weight restrictions on weak bridges and unsuitable roads in Oxfordshire, after receiving tip offs from concerned residents.

Residents handed evidence of the HGV violations of weight restrictions in Newbridge, Shabbington, Launton, Enstone, Little Milton and Chalgrove to Oxfordshire County Council's trading standards team who took the cases to court.

In one example an Uxbridge man, 32-year-old Gurwinder Singh Gill, drove a 32-tonne HGV over Shabbington despite a three tonne weak bridge restriction in June. He was ordered to pay £380 in total.

Hotel anniversary

OXFORD: The Randolph hotel in Oxford celebrated its 150th anniversary last week.

Construction of the luxury five star hotel on Beaumont Street, which has been visited by some of the biggest names in world, began in 1864 by William Wilkinson, an architect who also designed many houses in North Oxford.

The hotel opened in 1866 and celebrated its 150th birthday on Friday. It closed for six months after a fire in April last year.

Christmas tree sales to help Skye charity

By George Welch

AN Oxford gardening business is getting into the festive spirit by supporting the Oxfordshire Guardian's charity of the year, Blue Skye Thinking, for the second time.

Oxford Edens will donate money from every Christmas tree sold to the local charity.

The Blue Skye Thinking charity was set up by Sally and Andrew Hall in memory of their son, Skye, who died in 2014 from side effects of his treatment for Medulloblastoma, an aggressive and cancerous brain tumour.

Oxford Edens, based at Heyford Park, is selling premium quality Nordmann Firs and for every tree sold, £3 will go towards the charity's new appeal, Aim Skye High.

Ginny Power, from Oxford Edens, said: "We supported Blue Skye Thinking in the same way last year and it was so popular, raising £160 towards its work.

"When we heard about the new Aim Skye High Appeal we knew we had to offer our support again.

"We are hoping everyone will get into the Christmas spirit and help us raise as much as possible for this wonderful cause."

Oxfordshire residents can have trees delivered to their home by Oxford Edens or go along to the Boundary House pub in Abingdon on Saturday from 10am to 3pm to buy their tree.

Charity founder Sally Hall, said: "We had such good feedback from last year, we are delighted that Oxford Edens are doing the same again. Every contribution counts and we are very grateful to Oxford Edens for their support."

Money raised will go towards the charity's Aim Skye High Appeal which aims to raise £50,000 towards a three-year Post Doctoral research position at the renowned Northern Institute for Cancer Research.

Only just over one per cent of cancer funding goes towards research into brain tumours, the number one cancer killer in children and teenagers.

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• *Oxford Edens will be selling trees at The Boundary House on Saturday*

Infant research grant awarded

A RESEARCH team at Oxford University has received a grant of more than £2m to improve health and development of pre-term infants and reduce millions of preventable deaths around the world.

The £2,221,138 has been awarded from the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation (FLRF), a charitable organisation that promotes and supports breastfeeding and human milk.

The foundation has teamed up with the International Fetal and Newborn Growth Consortium for the 21st Century (INTERGROWTH-21st), a global network of more than 300 researchers and clinicians from 18 countries, all coordinated from the University of Oxford.

Michael Larsson, chairman of the Family Larsson-Rosenquist Foundation, said: "Children should have the best possible nutritional start in life. This is even more important for pre-term infants with their special needs and heightened risks. We are delighted to partner with the University of Oxford by supporting the INTERGROWTH-21st Consortium in their implementation efforts."

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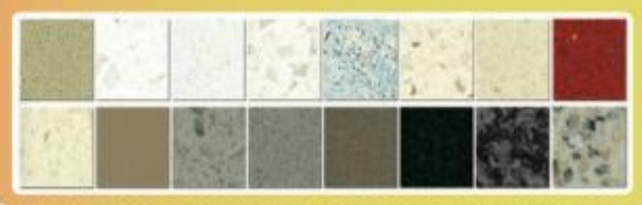

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Festival lights up the city centre

AROUND 100,000 people took to the streets of Oxford as the city was lit up for this year's Christmas Light Festival.

The festival took place between Friday and Sunday and saw events and art installations take place across the city.

The weekend-long celebrations began with around 200 children taking part in a lantern procession through the city centre, telling the story of Empress Matilda's daring escape from Oxford Castle and King Stephen's armies.

Cultural venues across Oxford, including the city's museums and galleries, hosted events across the weekend.

A further 60,000 people visited the Christmas Market in Broad Street and took part in other activities which included the chance to play with a huge musical instrument, an Illumaphonium, creating a unique light and sound show.

Visitors also hugged a sonic sphere in Oxford Castle Quarter and Gloucester Green, met two illuminated 10ft giants Xalia and Atom walking through the streets and enjoyed the sound of community choirs.

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, said: "This year's Christmas Light Festival was a fabulous mix of activities and offered something for every interest. The Lantern Parade was magnificent and the children and helpers involved deserve warm congratulations for the impressive lanterns.

"I would like to thank the Westgate Centre and the University of Oxford for their invaluable support and all the dancers, choirs and performers who made it such a memorable weekend."

Rachel Capell, City Events Officer at Oxford City Council, said: "The festival as a whole is the result of many different partners working together successfully and simply going above and beyond to deliver so many free activities and events for the communities of Oxford."

Ian Nolan, director of Ian Nolan events, one of the organisers, said: "Oxford is the perfect city to celebrate Christmas; there is nothing that compares to seeing the lantern parade winding its way around the Radcliffe Camera and watching the joy on children's faces."

• *Oxford Christmas lights festival attracted around 100,000 visitors*

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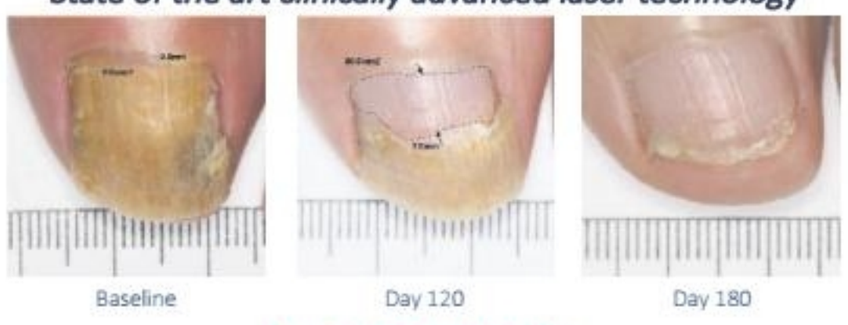

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Policeman and dog win commendation

By Samantha McGregor

• Chief Con Francis Habgood, left, with PC Wayne Mills and Cody

A POLICE dog and his handler have been given a commendation for their "outstanding work" during a burglary.

PC Wayne Mills and Cody were called to Forsythia Close, Bicester, where a burglary was taking place.

When he entered the property, the officer was confronted by the burglar who was armed with two metal bars.

As he tried to arrest the thief, the officer was struck on the head with one of the bars and suffered a serious head injury.

But Cody grabbed the other bar stopping the offender from using it.

Despite his injury, PC Mills managed to detain the man until other officers arrived.

PC Mills and Cody were recognised at a ceremony at the Thames Valley Police force's training centre in Sulhamstead, near Reading, last week.

PC Mills said: "Cody is a man of few words, but I can say I am grateful to be recognised by the Chief Constable for the work myself and Cody have done."

Speaking after the ceremony, Chief Constable Francis Habgood said: "It gives me great pleasure to present these commendations to PC Mills and PD Cody.

"Cody is a specially-trained police dog, to help prevent and detect crime, and his actions were exemplary. This commendation recognises and praises the professionalism of both PC Mills and PD Cody, and the dedication that goes into the training of a police dog."

The incident took place on September 1 this year.

• A 35-year-old man from Oxford has been arrested on suspicion of GBH in connection with the incident and has been bailed until January 13, 2017.

Bus route given temporary reprieve

• Councillor Kieron Mallon

A BUS service labelled a "lifeline to elderly residents" has been given a temporary reprieve after a second firm decided to drop it.

The B 1 bus route, connecting Easington residents with Banbury town centre, was one of the routes dropped by Stagecoach in June after Oxfordshire County Council subsidies were withdrawn.

Abingdon-based operator GoRide stepped in to run it on a trial basis until the end of November, but decided it did not want to run the service past that date.

However, town, district and county councillor Kieron Mallon stepped in to negotiate an extension with GoRide to keep the buses running until January 31.

Meanwhile, he is hoping to find a new operator or a not-for-profit organisation to take it over.

Mr Mallon, whose patch includes Easington, said: "I am exploring several avenues and will continue to discuss options with other bus and travel providers to try to seek a solution for the residents of Easington.

"I am thankful to Go-ride for stepping in and continuing the B1 even for the short time they have, this has enabled me to talk with all sorts of operators, without Go-Ride this service would have gone already."

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Free parking offer

N OXON: Residents are being reminded they can park for free in all Cherwell District Council-run car parks on Saturday.

The initiative is part of Small Business Saturday, a scheme aimed at supporting local traders.

Cllr George Reynolds, Cherwell's deputy leader, said: "We recognise the demand for free parking in town centres but this is not currently viable so we are doing our best to find other ways to support high-street shopping."

Seasonal support

THAME: Support is being offered to vulnerable elderly people in Thame this Christmas.

Run by Community Christmas Thame, people can donate food and drink to collection boxes in the Information Centre or outside Waitrose.

Caron Cares is offering a free, home-cooked Christmas dinner to be delivered on Christmas Eve for elderly and isolated residents.

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Christmas lanterns

THAME: People are being urged to drop into the information centre to pick up a free make-your-own paper lanterns donated by local business Windles and take them along to the Christmas lights switch-on on Friday, December 2, from 3pm to 7pm.

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County's £15m funding labelled 'disappointing'

By George Welch

FUNDING for road and rail links and investment in research and development will help boost Oxfordshire's economy.

Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP), which is tasked with boosting the county's economy, has welcomed the cash injection despite only receiving £15 million of the £382m it had requested from the Government.

Chief executive of OxLEP, Nigel Tipple said that as part of Chancellor Philip Hammond's planned investment of £2.3bn on UK infrastructure, a number of specific project funding announcements presented good prospects for Oxfordshire.

• Nigel Tipple

The Government has committed £27m to an expressway between Oxford and Cambridge, via Milton Keynes, and £110m will fund a rail link between the two cities.

> "Any deficiency in funding will result in a less dynamic local economy"

Mr Tipple said: "Transport funding for both strategic and pinch-point schemes was confirmed to relieve congestion and deliver much-needed upgrades on transport networks. Specifically, the chancellor has responded to recommendations by allocating £110m for investment in the East West Rail Link, and £27m investment for the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway are very significant.

"These schemes will pave the way for us to boost our regional economy by enhancing east-west connections which support the 'golden triangle' of Oxford, Cambridge and London, to establish the area as a powerhouse of science, technology and innovation."

But the leader of Oxford City Council Bob Price has called the allocation disappointing, saying it does not recognise the potential of Oxfordshire.

He said: "We have a huge potential but we cannot do it without investment.

"Any deficiency in funding will result in a less dynamic local economy and less dynamic national economy."

He said several components of the OxLEP bid, including a £40m fund linked to Culham robotics work, satellite applications in Harwell, climate change research at Oxford University, as well as work on the Oxford rail station, and schools development are under threat.

In addition, investment was requested to fund a £30m science bridge in Didcot over the town's railway.

Mr Hammond also revealed in last week's autumn statement that Oxfordshire will be one of eight regions to carry out a science and innovation audit. It will focus on four key areas for Oxfordshire: autonomous vehicles, space-led data applications, digital health, and technologies underpinning quantum computing.

• Bob Price

Autumn Statement 2016

NICOLA BLACKWOOD
The Oxford West and Abingdon MP said: "Five months to the day since the Brexit vote, this is the Autumn Statement that Oxford needed - delivering on the Government's commitment to improve people's life chances.
"I am determined to fight for our fair share of this major funding boost."

STEPHEN JOSEPH
The chief executive of Campaign for Better Transport said: "[The Government] is still wasting too much on big road-building schemes. What's needed instead is more support for alternatives to driving including rail and bus infrastructure."

JOHN HOWELL
The Henley MP said: "The action announced in this Autumn Statement will help local people who are just about managing, and ensure that our economy is fighting fit.
"This is about putting ordinary working families in the constituency first, and building an economy that works for everyone."

DAVID LUSHINGTON
The owner of TaxAssist Accountants in Oxford, Didcot and Abingdon, said: "Hard-working small business owners were given absolutely no recognition of the major contribution they make to the UK economy."

SIMON MCCANN
The lawyer specialising in construction, development and infrastructure at Oxford law firm Blake Morgan said: "This is great news. This is a step in the right direction where housing shortages, congestion and lack of infrastructure are key issues."

BOB PRICE
The Oxford City Council leader said: "I am disappointed by the [£15m] allocation because it does not recognise the real potential that Oxfordshire has. We have a huge potential but we cannot do it without investment. Any deficiency in funding will result in a less dynamic local economy."

STEVE CONNEL
The Didcot town mayor said he was incredibly disappointed by the figures put forward, saying it would 'hurt Didcot from a transport perspective".
"It does not mean they [projects like the Science bridge] will be scrapped but they will most likely be delayed."

PHILLIP HAMMOND
The Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "I am backing the Commission's interim recommendations on the Oxford-Cambridge growth corridor published last week.
"It can become a transformational tech-corridor, drawing on the world-class research strengths of our two best-known universities."

The Chancellor announced the allocation of £1.8bn from the Local Growth Fund to English regions. Overall numbers are:
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Donations to light up 12-foot tree

BURFORD: A puppy and a horse launched a donations-powered Christmas tree for pet charity Blue Cross in Burford on Thursday last week.

Blue Cross hopes to have the whole tree lit by December 24.

The tree was switched on by Max, a puppy who was rehomed a few weeks ago, and Banks the horse.

The tree is part of Blue Cross's Action On Pity campaign that aims to encourage the public to take action on homeless pets.

Hospital school in better health

By George Welch

A SPECIAL hospital school that provides education for children admitted to hospital has defended itself after being given an 'inadequate' rating in its latest Ofsted report.

Oxfordshire Hospital School, based at the Harlow Centre in Oxford, received its overall 'inadequate' rating following an inspection in October because of failures in record-management and information-sharing practices associated with its outreach education programme.

The school's teaching and learning, early years, and post-16 programmes were all ranked 'outstanding', but this did not prevent the 'inadequate' report because record management is a vital part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities.

• Angela Ransby

The report, which was released on Thursday last week, added that the school was 'inadequate' in the 'effectiveness of leadership and management' and 'personal development, behaviour and welfare' categories.

But the school, which was criticised by Ofsted for having weak leadership due to 'a high turnover of interim headteachers', is making rapid progress following the appointment of a new headteacher, Angela Ransby, who started the job just four weeks before the inspection.

The report said: "The new headteacher, who has extensive expertise in leading hospital schools, has been in post four weeks. In that time, she has had a rapid and significant impact."

The report emphasised strengths in teaching and sector leadership, which it said gives pupils a 'varied and meaningful learning diet' that "enables pupils to make the most progress possible" thanks to "highly skilled teaching from subject experts".

Ms Ransby said the school's response to the report has been "quick and decisive".

She said: "In the days following the inspection, we put in place a series of robust new systems to make sure that information is managed and shared in the right way with all our outreach programme partners.

"We are fulfilling our safeguarding duties with renewed understanding and vigour, and are working hard to ensure that our actions always reflect best practice.

"Improvements in training are giving our staff the tools and the confidence to scrutinise safeguarding cases more effectively."

Oxfordshire Hospital School taught 888 children receiving in-patient care in Oxford last year. It was set up in the 1950s to deliver education to children across the county with health conditions that prevent them from attending school.

Pupils at the school include patients at the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital, Helen & Douglas House Hospice, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, and Highfield Adolescent Unit – as well as through a multi-centre outreach programme providing education on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council.

• *From left, GWR Regional Development Manager Tom Pierpoint; Cllr Ian Hudspeth; Robert Courts MP; and GWR Station Manager Claire King*

£242k makeover for station

A £242k revamp of Hanborough rail station has been completed.

The extra 43-space extension, carried out by Great Western Railway (GWR), has been carried out to improve accessibility for passengers.

The development is part of GWR's promise to deliver an extra 2,100 parking spaces to its 208 stations over the next three years.

The car park was officially opened by MP for Witney Robert Courts, leader of Oxfordshire County Council Ian Hudspeth, and GWR regional development manager Tom Pierpoint on November 18.

Mr Courts said issues of overcrowding were a "major issue". He said: "I am delighted to see further investment in Hanborough Station.

"The overcrowding is a major issue affecting not only residents of Hanborough but rail users living in Bladon, Freeland, Witney and beyond.

"The extra spaces are much needed and I know will be welcomed by all residents."

GWR's Tom Pierpoint added: "More and more people are turning to rail for their local and long distance journeys; to meet this demand we have improved our timetable; and next year we will start to see new Intercity Express Trains on the GWR network, offering more seats and more frequent services."

Leader of OCC Ian Hudspeth said: "There has been a growing demand over the years from people who want to park at the railway station. Not long ago there was just 26 spaces, and now there's around 250."

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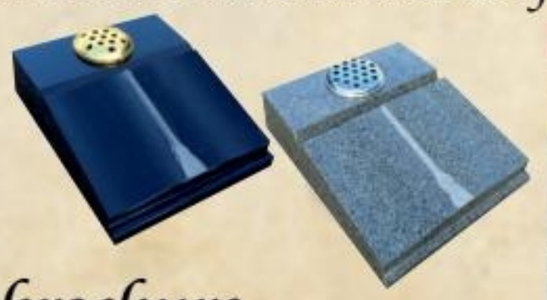

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Congestion and cricket concerns for new homes

By Samantha McGregor

PLANS to build 100 homes in Chipping Norton have been given short-shrift by town councillors.

Gallagher Estates want outline planning permission to build up to 100 homes, including 40 per cent affordable homes, with public open space and a new road access off Banbury Road.

But at a Chipping Norton Town Council meeting on November 10, councillors raised "strong objections" to the development.

Councillors said the parcel of land, south of Banbury Road, was allocated as general industrial land and it should remain as employment use to meet future growth.

It also raised concerns about the impact on traffic.

In a letter formally objecting to the proposal, the council said: "The Town Council object to this planning application as to the previous response and also stress that the applicant must work with Oxfordshire County Council to make sure that a road goes through the proposed development of 100 houses and across to the London Road when OCC develop their site in this location.

"Some joined up thinking to actually produce an outcome which has been discussed for a few years."

Another objection came from Chipping Norton Cricket Club, whose site bounds the proposed development.

Club secretary David Wood said: "We feel it is our responsibility to raise the very real issue that cricket balls will be hit into the area being considered for housing.

"There is an obvious danger of harm and of damage to property.

"Although it should also be noted that bats have improved and the ball travels further in modern cricket. Given this we feel that any development has to consider this danger and relieve the cricket club of any claim being brought under nuisance or negligence."

He said the club was unhappy the developer had not approached it to discuss the housing plans.

A transport assessment carried out on behalf of Gallagher Estates said: "The report concludes that the development will not have a material impact on the local highway network."

It said there were no highway reasons to "prevent the proposals" being approved.

No date has been given when the plans will be decided by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Pupil's card design is a winner

A PUPIL'S Christmas card design is set to wing its way across the globe after she won a competition.

For the second year running North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis asked children across her constituency to come up with a design for her official Christmas card.

School pupils were asked to use the theme – the nativity star – as their inspiration.

Hundreds of entries were received, but Fritwell School pupil Lucy England's design caught Mrs Prentis' eye.

• MP Victoria Prentis and Lucy England, six, with inset, her winning card

The six-year-old's design included a Christmas tree, nativity star and the Houses of Parliament.

As part of her prize, Lucy has been invited to visit the House of Commons with her family for a tour and tea with Mrs Prentis.

The MP who went to Fritwell School to meet Lucy last week, said: "I was really pleased to receive so many entries to my annual Christmas Card competition. The children's designs were all brilliant; there were so many to choose from.

"I ended up selecting Lucy's design because I really liked how she had managed to make the Houses of Parliament look Christmassy, with all the stars and the Christmas tree. It was lovely to congratulate her in person."

Designs by runners up Ethan Osborne and Jaya Trivedi, both of Bure Park School, Bicester, and Layla Newman, also of Fritwell Primary School, will be printed on the back of Victoria's Christmas card.

News Bites

Homes rejected

N OXON: Plans to build 47 homes in Finmere have been refused.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee raised concerns the number of new homes would "substantially increase" the size of the village, over the lack of sustainable transport options, and the development may harm the village's rural setting.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "Cherwell has an up-to-date housing land supply, and that means we are under no pressure to release new countryside for inappropriate development in locations."

Hail a ride

BICESTER: Residents are being reminded the E1 bus services to the new eco settlement Elmsbrook is open to everyone.

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Autumn clear-up

THAME: Volunteers are needed to help clear-up at St Mary's Churchyard on Thursday, December 8, between 9am and 2.30pm.

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Quick Clues Across

1 Permanent inhabitant (8)
4 Mark (4)
8 Small gate (6)
10 Large fish (6)
11 Finds fault (5)
12 Stick (5)
14 Home of Jewish nation (6)
17 Unsafe (9)
18 Shaping anew (9)
22 Old sailor (3-3)
23 Retract (5)
24 Royal (5)
26 Indian money (6)
27 Bigger (6)
28 Finishes (4)
29 Without thought (8)

Quick Clues Down

1 Ready for harvest (4)
2 Extend (6)
3 Church official (6)
5 South American plains (6)
6 Without melody (8)
7 Lariat (5)
9 Tongues (9)
10 Of the soul (9)
13 Measured (5)
15 Devastates (5)
16 Keep (8)
18 Grated (6)
19 Centres (5)
20 Decorated with insets (6)
21 Mouthwash (6)
25 Branches of learning (4)

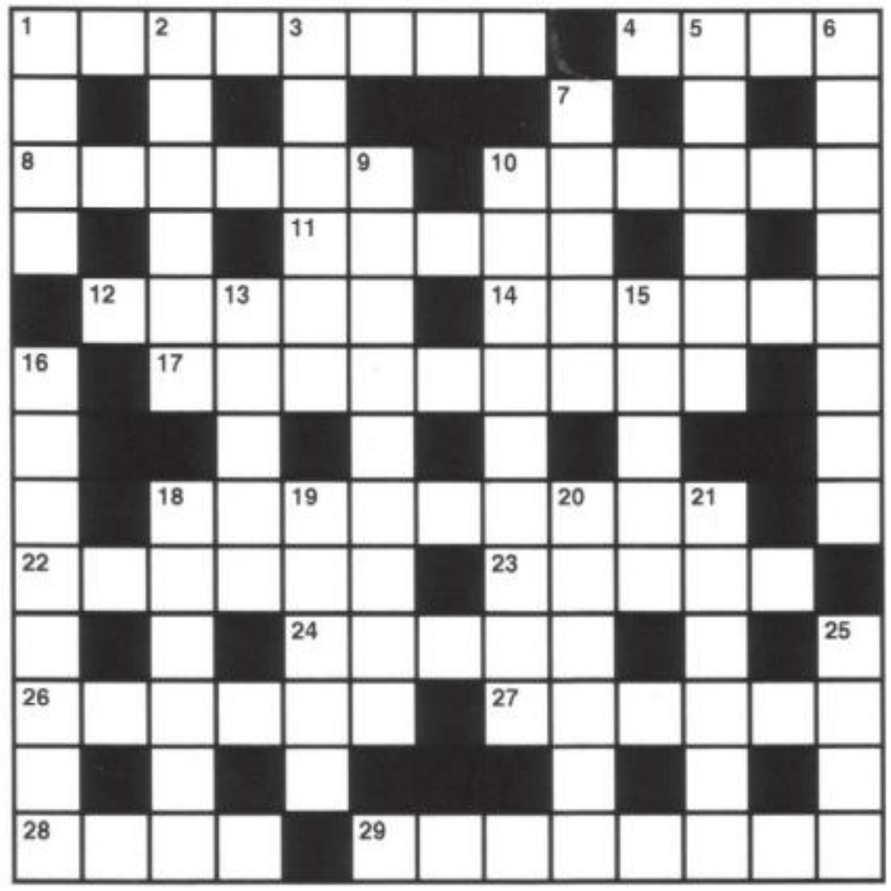
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Put up a fight but the rest dies out (8)
4 Said to be drunk at the funeral (4)
8 I'd made out a crown (6)
10 It could be nice to take Mother to the movies (6)
11 Being simple, I'm taken in by the boy (5)
12 Breaks more than one 2 down (5)
14 Retiring man gets round his friend with an explosive result (6)
17 The issue that puts me back before a race (9)
18 Vowing that as a professional, I'm coming back to sing (9)
22 Six may be true to chastity (6)
23 There's a lot at variance in the final count (5)
24 Found trustworthy by the jury? (5)
26 Cowboy's limits? (6)
27 Revolutionary's up and about the tavern for a meal (6)
28 One's never so flat (4)
29 Left for the Sahara? (8)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Sounds as if he regretted being impolite (4)
2 Personification of the beginning of Utopia in the state (6)
3 Said he was to see Esther has an afternoon rest? (6)
5 In play he cometh - out of 10 across? (6)
6 Venus getting ready to fight again? (8)
7 Desert where sin is first class (5)
9 Minor mess produces wrong names (9)
10 See the trial, Edward? It's disputed (9)
13 Fashionable pain (5)
15 The aim of the decimal system (5)
16 Scan poetry? Quitethe opposite (8)
18 The value of absorbing a new start for the sovereign? (6)
19 The wrong route to find some space (5)
20 Chemical element that is surrounding the Norse god (6)
21 Made of argent, not necessarily set in silver (6)
25 Poke with a soft stick (4)



Puzzles

Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

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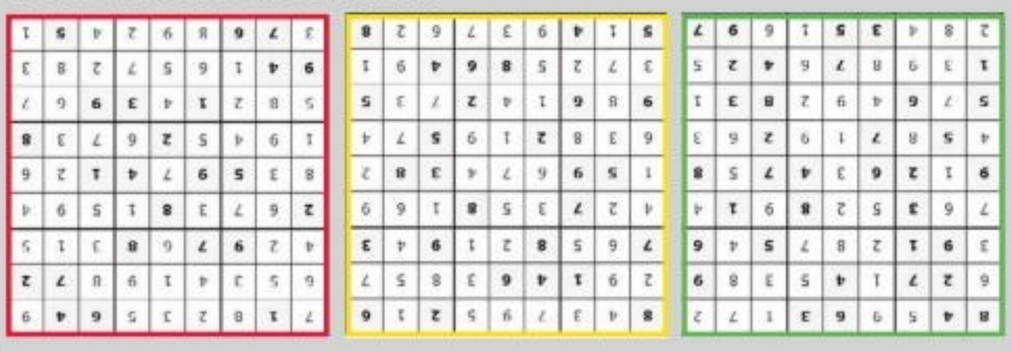
This week's solutions



Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Resident 4 Spot 8 Portal 10 Salmon 11 Carps 12 Baton 14 Israel 17 Dangerous 18 Recasting 22 Sea-dog 23 Unsay 24 Regal 26 Rupees 27 Larger 28 Ends 29 Mindless

Down: 1 Rope 2 Spread 3 Deacon 5 Pampas 6 Tuneless 7 Lasso 9 Languages 10 Spiritual 13 Taped 15 Ruins 16 Preserve 18 Rasped 19 Cores 20 Inlaid 21 Gargle 25 Arts

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Resisted 4 Bier 8 Diadem 10 Cinema 11 Simon 12 Busts 14 Napalm 17 Emanation 18 Promising 22 Virtue 23 Total 24 Tined 26 Ranges 27 Dinner 28 Even 29 Deserted

Down: 1 Rude 2 Statue 3 Siesta 5 Iceman 6 Rearming 7 Sinai 9 Misnomers 10 Contested 13 Smart 15 Point 16 Converse 18 Prince 19 Outer 20 Iodine 21 Garnet 25 Prod

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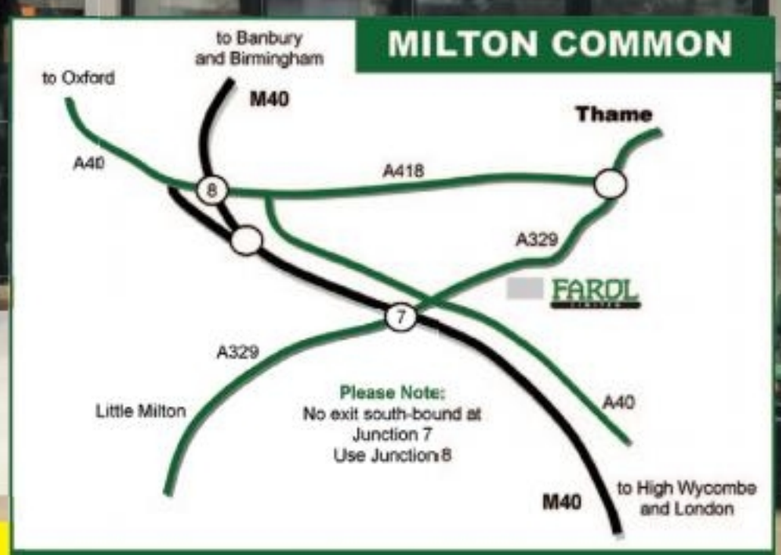

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Saturday December 3rd

BBC1

Michael McIntyre's Big Show, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts** (S) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.25 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.55 BBC News** (S) **6.05 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.10 Pointless Celebrities** (S)(R)

7.00 **Strictly Come Dancing** Musicals Week arrives in the ballroom. (S)

8.00 **Michael McIntyre's Big Show** Michael invites Sarah Millican to take to the stage, and singer-songwriter Tom Odell also performs. (S)

9.00 **Casualty** Duffy receives a surprise visitor. (S)
9.50 **The National Lottery Live** Gaby Roslin presents the all-important numbers. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 Match of the Day Highlights of Manchester City v Chelsea and West Ham United v Arsenal; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11.45 The NFL Show Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (S)

AFTER 12
12.15 FILM **Dragonfly (2002) (12)** Supernatural drama, starring Kevin Costner. (S) **1.55** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

International Rugby Union, 6pm

7.30 FILM **Ray Harryhausen: Special Effects Titan (2011) (PG)** (S) **9.00 Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge** (S)(R) **10.00 Secret Britain** (S)(R) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 The Best Dishes Ever** (S)(R) **12.30 Hairy Bikers' Best of British** (S)(R) **1.30** FILM **Rebecca (1940) (PG)** (S) **3.35 Flog It!** (S) **4.30 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **6.00 International Rugby Union** (S)

7.00 **Live Snooker: UK Championship** Coverage of the second semi-final. (S)

10.00 **Mock the Week** With James Acaster, Rob Beckett, Ed Gamble, Sara Pascoe and John Robins. (S)(R)
10.30 **The Dresser** (S)(R)

12.15 FILM **Ill Manors (2012) (18)** Crime drama, starring Riz Ahmed. (S) **2.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Meet the Parents, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30** FILM **Carry On Girls (1973) (PG)** (S) **11.10 All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) **11.55 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.05 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **1.05 Cash Trapped** (S)(R) **2.05** FILM **St Trinian's (2007) (12)** (S) **4.00 Thunderbirds Are Go** (S) **4.20 The Chase** (S)(R) **5.25 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.40 ITV News** (S) **6.00 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars** (S)

7.00 **Meet the Parents** Dating show, hosted by Holly Willoughby. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 **The X Factor** Tensions reach fever pitch as the semi-finals arrive. (S)

9.30 **I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!** Celebrity survival challenge. (S)

10.35 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.50 FILM **10,000 BC (2008) (12)** Prehistoric fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait and Camilla Belle. (S)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Britain at Low Tide, 8pm

6.10 Gillette World Sport (S) **6.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.00 The Morning Line** (S) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **12.30 Deal or No Deal** (S) **1.25 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **4.00 Jamie's Super Food** (S)(R) **4.30 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **5.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 **China: Between Clouds and Dreams** A novice monk begins a new life at China's largest Tibetan monastery. Last in the series. (S)

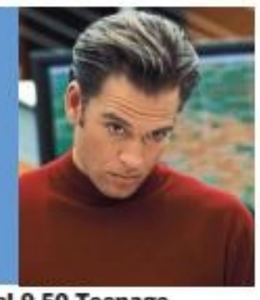
8.00 **Britain at Low Tide** Evidence of Britain's extensive maritime history found in Essex. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 FILM **Now You See Me (2013) (12)** Crime thriller, starring Jesse Eisenberg and Mark Ruffalo. (S)

11.15 FILM **GI Joe: Retaliation (2013) (12)** Action adventure sequel, with Dwayne Johnson and Bruce Willis. (S)

1.20 Hollyoaks (S)(R) **3.25** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.20** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **5.15** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (S)(R)

Channel 5


NCIS, 7.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.25 The Gadget Show** (S)(R) **11.25** FILM **This Christmas (2007) (12)** (S) **1.35** FILM **A Fairytale Christmas (2013) (PG)** Romantic drama, starring C Thomas Howell and Haylie Duff. (S) **3.20** FILM **A Belle for Christmas (2014) (PG)** Premiere. Family adventure, starring Dean Cain. (S) **5.10** FILM **Mrs Miracle (2009) (PG)** (S)

7.05 **NCIS** Three similar execution-style killings take place. (S)(R)

8.00 **NCIS: New Orleans** Homeland Security agent Russo's agenda is called into question after a bombing. Last in the series. (S)
8.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship** George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.20 FILM **The Frozen Ground (2013) (15)** Premiere. Fact-based crime drama, with Nicolas Cage and John Cusack. (S)

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6.00 Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **12.30** Celebrity Catchphrase **1.30** You've Been Framed Gold at Christmas! **3.05** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) Comedy, starring Munro Chambers. **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) Concluded. **4.55** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.25** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Brendan Fraser. **7.25** FYI Daily **7.30** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) (12) Concluded. **8.30** Scorpion **9.30** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **10.35** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.35** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.05** FILM: American Pie (1999) (15) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: American Pie (1999) (15) **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** FILM: Calamity Jane (1953) (U) **7.15** FYI Daily **7.20** FILM: Calamity Jane (1953) (U) **8.00** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **10.10** FILM: Columbo: A Case of Immunity (1975) (U) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **11.40** Foyle's War **5.50** A Touch of Frost **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** The Booze Cruise **11.10** Lewis **1.15** Wycliffe **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Roman Britain: A Timewatch Guide **8.00** Egypt's Lost Queens **9.00** Modus **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1982 **11.45** Reggae at the BBC. Reggae performances from the BBC archive. **1.15** Old Grey Whistle Test: Reggae Concert from the Edinburgh Festival **2.00** Sounds of the 70s **2.30** How Quizzing Got Cool: TV's Brains of Britain **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Baby Daddy **6.40** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Melissa & Joey **8.30** Made in Chelsea **9.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **10.30** Black-ish **11.30** The Goldbergs **1.30** FILM: Clueless (1995) (12) Comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone. **3.30** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.50** The Big Bang Theory **7.20** FILM: The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) (12) Romantic fantasy sequel, starring Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** Gogglebox **12.05** The Inbetweeners **1.10** Rude Tube **3.10** New Girl **4.55** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tiny House Nation **9.50** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas **10.55** Jamie's Festive Feast **11.55** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Year Britain Froze **9.00** Britain's Wildest Weather **10.35** 8 Out of 10 Cats **11.25** Father Ted **12.35** Very British Problems **1.35** The Year Britain Froze **2.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats: Jimmy, Sean & Jon's Best Bits **3.50** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 20 Million Miles to Earth (1957) (PG) Sci-fi thriller, starring William Hopper. **1.00** Epic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. **3.05** Carry On Constable (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. **4.50** Congo (1995) (12) Jungle adventure, starring Dylan Walsh. **7.05** Men in Black (1997) (PG) Sci-fi comedy, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **9.00** Taken 2 (2012) (12) Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. **10.50** Horns (2013) (15) Horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **1.10** Hellboy (2004) (12) **3.35** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.15 Jay Leno's Garage **8.00** Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special **9.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **10.00** Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **3.00** Taskmaster **5.00** Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special **6.00** Celebrity Storage Hunters **7.00** Room 101 **8.20** Would I Lie to You? **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** QI XL **12.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.50** Idris Elba - King of Speed **3.35** The Indestructibles **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** The Ruby in the Smoke **3.00** Pie in the Sky **6.00** Hetty Wainthropp Investigates **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rebus **10.30** Waking the Dead **1.00** The Ruby in the Smoke **2.50** South Riding **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League World **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Futurama **1.30** Modern Family **4.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **4.30** Yonderland **5.00** Supergirl **6.00** The Flash **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Landscape Artist of the Year 2016 **9.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **1.00** Arrow **2.00** Stan Lee's Lucky Man **3.00** A Town Called Eureka **4.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **5.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The British **7.00** Fish Town **8.00** Without a Trace **12.00** Cold Case **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.05** FILM: Manhunt (2013) (15) Documentary about CIA investigations into al-Qaeda. **1.05** Ray Donovan **2.15** Blue Bloods **3.10** Cold Case **4.05** The British **5.00** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.05 Bin There, Dump That **6.30** Singing in the Rainforest **7.30** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **8.20** The Bill **1.30** EastEnders **4.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **5.00** Supernanny **7.00** My Family **9.00** Jonathan Creek **10.20** Luther **11.40** Secrets and Lies **12.40** Code Black **1.40** The Happenings **2.30** Betty White's Off Their Rockers **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Bewitched **8.00** Lovejoy **10.20** Only Fools and Horses **4.00** TOTP: Christmas 2012 **6.00** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **7.00** FILM: Groundhog Day (1993) (PG) Comedy, starring Bill Murray. **9.00** Marley's Ghosts **9.40** The Catherine Tate Christmas Show **10.35** The League of Gentlemen: Christmas Special **11.50** Harry Enfield and Chums **1.10** The Comic Strip Presents: Red Top **2.25** Bewitched **3.20** Extras **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Football Gold **7.00** Sporting Triumphs **8.00** Game Changers **8.30** Premier League Preview **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Manchester City v Chelsea (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.00** Gillette Soccer Saturday **5.15** Live EFL. Leeds United v Aston Villa (kick-off 5.30pm). **8.00** Joshua v Molina: The Gloves Are Off **8.30** Nissan Game of the Day **10.30** Nissan Match Choice **11.30** Premier League Highlights **2.30** EFL Goals **3.00** Premier League Highlights

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Detached home on market

A NEWLY-REFURBISHED detached house set on a generous plot in Harwell abutting open fields and farmland is on the market.

The four/five-bedroom home is being offred for sale through Davis Tate's Didcot office with a guide price of £595,000.

The bright and spacious accommodation has great flexibility for a home office or ground-floor guest annex with en suite bathroom. The outside space is enclosed, private and is complete with a workshop/outbuilding.

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Kingsmere £425,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

A very well presented townhouse of which early viewing is highly recommended for the specification, presentation, accommodation and location to be appreciated. Close proximity to Bicester town and stations and Bicester village.

Bure Park £575,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

Situated in the highly desriable location of bure park, this six bedroom detached home offers generous living space over three floors, further benefiting from a spacious rear garden and a double garage.

Langford Village £485,000

DOUBLE GARAGE

Set in an enviable plot at the bottom of a desirable cul de sac is this light and spacious family home.

Blackthorn £410,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

Situated within this desirable Oxfordshire village a stone built cottage full of character with far reaching countryside views. A short distance from Bicester Village station and M40 links. Viewing is highly recommended to be appreciated.

Upper Heyford £425,000

VILLAGE LOCATION

Set in the stunning North Oxfordshire countryside and offering fantastic transport links to the M40 & Bicester North Station. This immaculate home is defined by a superb kitchen diner living space that spans the width of the property and opens to the rear garden.

Southwold £425,000

DOUBLE GARAGE

This extended and improved family home has been finished to the highest standard throughout by the current owners.

Ambrosden £255,000

NEW PRICE

Situated in a village location a very well presented two/three bedroom end terrace property with gas central heating, double glazing, It has two double bedrooms plus ground floor study/ occasional bedroom, lounge/dining room

Southwold £435,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

Offered to the market with no above chain is this 4 bedroom detached property located in sought after Southwold development, Bicester.

Bletchingdon £475,000

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Kingsmere **£479,995**

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The Ansell is a beautiful 5 bedroom house that offers; choice of fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, ground floor study and cloakroom, separate sitting room, ensuite and fitted wardrobes to master bedroom and double garage.

Kingsmere **£362,995**

BRAND NEW

A superb three bedroom semi detached property offering stylish and spacious accommodation over two levels. Early reservations will allow a discerning purchaser to spec their own decor.

Kingsmere **£366,396**

HELP TO BUY PRICE

The Canterbury is a four bedroom detached home, It has an open plan fitted kitchen and dining area including integrated appliances, French doors, Downstairs cloakroom and study. Upstairs benefits from an en suite and built-in wardrobes to bedroom one

Ambrosden **£336,000**

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Ashford is a well appointed family home offering two generous reception rooms, a stunning kitchen breakfast room and the added benefit of a double garage. All within this highly popular village with ideal links to OXFORD & BICESTER.

Ambrosden **£575,000**

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Arncott is an exceedingly spacious 4 bedroom home, with 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms, utility room, cloakroom and double garage. Built to an exacting standard and set in this highly popular village.

Ambrosden **£330,000**

VILLAGE LOCATION

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The Blackthorn is a TRULY SPACIOUS three bedroom home, offering stylish accommodation over 2 floors along with a drive way and garage. HELP TO BUY AVAILABLE

Upper Heyford **£549,995**

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Truro is a five bedroom house with a superb open plan fitted kitchen and family area including integrated appliances, sitting room featuring french doors to the rear garden, useful utility room and en suites to bedrooms one and two

Upper Heyford **£569,995**

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Winchester is a five bedroom house with a superb open plan fitted kitchen and living/family room with bi-fold doors to the rear garden, integrated appliances, useful utility/cloakroom room, sitting room with fire place and en suites to two bedrooms.

Upper Heyford **£282,995**

VILLAGE LOCATION

The Southwold is a three bedroom home including an open plan fitted kitchen, sitting room and dining area featuring french doors, split level oven and hob and integrated appliances. Upstairs benefits from an en suite and built-in wardrobe to bedroom one.

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SHILTON PARK £300,000

SOLD ON THE 6 WEEK CHALLENGE

Three bedroom end of terrace home on the edge of the popular Shilton Park development. With garage and private parking. EPC Rating AWAITED.

SHILTON PARK £330,000

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Valentia Road, Headington **£2100**
Randolph Street, Cowley **£1795**
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Cowley Road, Cowley **£2675**
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Bullingdon Road, Cowley **£2500**
Addison Crescent, Headington **£2575**
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Windmill Road, Headington **£3750**
~~Gipsy Lane, Headington £3150~~ LET
~~Harcourt Terrace £3150~~ LET
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St Marys Road, Cowley **£2850**
~~Cowley Road , Cowley £3600~~ LET
Cowley Road, Cowley **£3600**
~~Valentia Road, Headington £3150~~ LET
Harcourt Terrace, Headington **£3000**
Cricket Road , Cowley **£3150**
Cramner Road, Rosehill **£3000**
Old Road, Headington **£2900**
Howard Street, Cowley **£2700**
~~Valentia Road, Headington £3150~~ LET
Leopold Street, Cowley **£3500**
Bullingdon Road **£3150** NEW LISTING

6 BEDS (continued)
Cowley Road **£2650**
Cricket Road, Cowley **£2850**
Divinity Road, Cowley **£3600**
Bullingdon Road, Cowley **£2600**
St Marys Road, Cowley **£3600**
Addison Crescent, East Oxford **£3090**

7 BEDS
East Avenue, Cowley **£3650**
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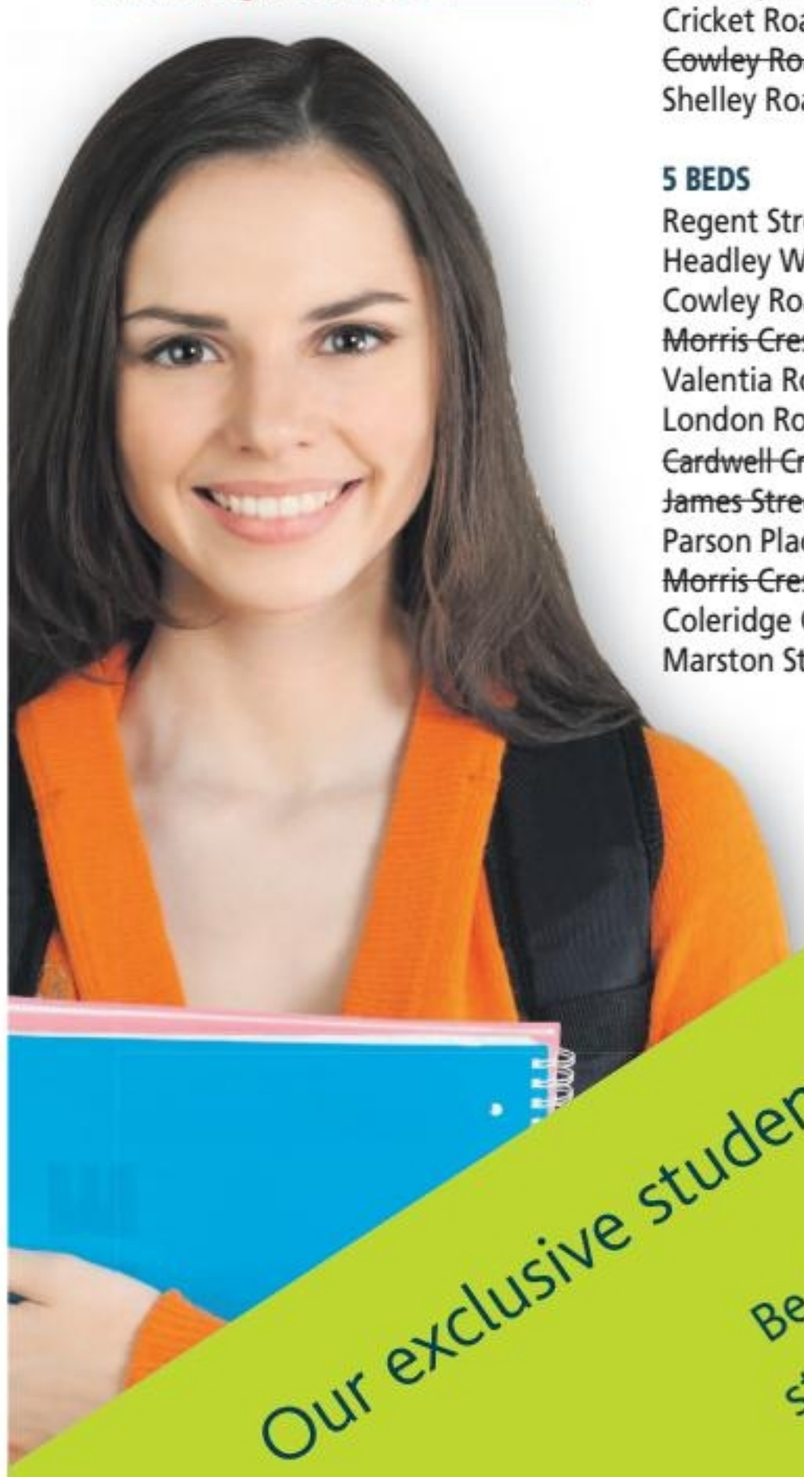

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Abingdon on Thames £475,000

Characterful three bed family home, located in North Abingdon and offering considerable opportunity for further development. Off road parking and large rear garden. EPC - E

Marcham £575,000

Four bedroom, three bathroom, three reception home with an impressive kitchen, separate utility and a dining room. Garage, drive and a generous rear garden.

Sutton Courtenay

A superbly presented family home within this quiet cul de sac. The welcoming entrance hall leads to the kitchen/breakfast room, dual aspect reception room with a central feature fireplace, dining room and utility. A cloakroom completes the ground floor. A central landing provides master bedroom with en suite, a guest room with en suite, two further double bedrooms and a family bathroom. A double garage with drive and a landscaped rear garden providing a pretty outdoor space for entertaining. EPC - B

£650,000 Guide Price

Abingdon on Thames

Nestled within the popular Thameside development of The Old Gaol, this perfectly presented ground floor apartment is a fabulous opportunity to own a contemporary home, in the very heart of the town. With an open plan living and kitchen area with views out towards The Old Gaol, two double bedrooms, an en suite wet room to the master bedroom and an additional bathroom. Beautifully maintained communal gardens, gated access to the complex and secure underground parking. EPC - B

£415,000 Guide Price

Hinton Waldrist £450,000

A superb family home with a stunning view. Porch, hall, lounge, family/kitchen/diner, cloakroom and utility. Four double bedrooms, en suite and family bathroom. Garage and gardens. EPC - D

Steventon £480,000

Larger than expected four bedroom chalet style home located within the sought after village of Steventon. Single garage and ample off road parking to the front EPC - E

Sutton Courtenay £675,000

An exceptional five bedroom, three bathroom home: two receptions, open plan kitchen/family room, cloaks and a separate utility. Double garage, enclosed rear garden. EPC - B

East Hendred £659,995

Located on the edge of the village; an excellent opportunity to refurbish this detached family home, with generous grounds. Two receptions, four double bedrooms and two bathroom. EPC - E

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Abingdon £1,175 pcm

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Abingdon £1,050 pcm

A second floor apartment in Abingdon town centre, Two double bedrooms, kitchen in an open plan living room, Allocated parking. Unfurnished. Available: Late December. EPC RATING: C

Abingdon £850 pcm

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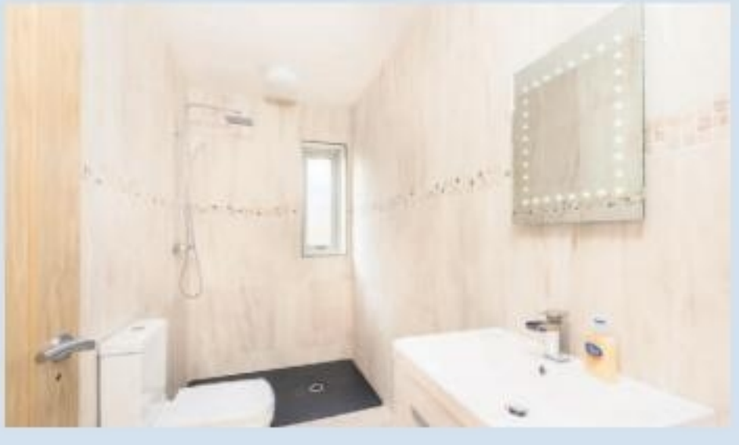
Abingdon

Newly converted apartment with first & second floors. This duplex apartment is in a fantastic location within the heart of Abingdon town centre with all the amenities on your doorstep. With great access to Culham Science Park, Milton Park & Oxford. Two double bedrooms, bathroom, shower room, living room, kitchen with fridge/freezer, washer/dryer and dishwasher. Second bedroom is a flexible space that can be used as a second reception room Furnished. Available: Early November. EPC RATING: C

£1,050 pcm

Lower Radley £2,700 pcm

A stunning energy efficient newly built family home within a short walk to Radley Train station. Four/Five double bedrooms, en-suite shower room to master bedroom with doors on to a private balcony with views on to the back garden. First floor bathroom, ground floor shower room, large entrance hall leading to the ground floor bedroom or snug, study, extensive living room/dining room with contemporary kitchen and separate utility room. Driveway parking for a maximum of four vehicles with gated side access to newly landscaped 155ft long rear garden with large patio area. Unfurnished. Available: Late November. EPC RATING: B



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THAMESIDE COURT, BABLOCKHYTHE £210,000
(5 miles Witney, 12 miles Oxford)

A brand new 2016 Prestige Concerto 36' x 20' twin unit on favoured private park, close to River Thames. Hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, inner hall, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows and doors, carpets, curtains and furnishings, on-site parking, brick built skirt and steps, gardens

NEW LOOK PARK, CARTERTON £120,000
(5 miles Wintye, 15 miles Oxford)

A 2016 Tingdene 42' x 10' single unit set in low maintenance gardens with gated driveway on small private park. Hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazing, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, gardens, floor coverings, curtains, integrated appliances and furnishings all included in the price

WESTFIELD CLOSE, GROVE £119,950
(2 miles Wantage, 12 miles Oxford)

A well presented 1987 Omar Colorado 36' x 20' twin unit on established private park. Entrance lobby, dining hall, inner hall, lounge, kitchen, 2 good bedrooms, bathroom, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazing, textured walls, brick built skirt, Decra style roof, gardens, detached garage with own driveway and additional parking area

THAMESIDE COURT, BABLOCKHYTHE £119,950
(5 miles Witney, 10 miles Oxford)

A late 1980s Tingdene 40' x 20' twin unit on good sized pitch with 75' approximate stream frontage to rear. Porch, hall, lounge, conservatory, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room, rear lobby, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, separate shower room, LPG gas central heating, UPVC double glazed replacement windows, Decra style roof, reconstituted stone skirt, on site car parking space, good sized pitch approximately 75' x 60' overall

BICESTER PARK HOME ESTATE £189,950
(10 miles Oxford)

A superbly presented 2014 Homeseeker Special 40' x 20' twin unit set on recently established park home site just south of Bicester town centre. Porch, hall, cloakroom, open-plan 20' x 17'9 maximum L-shaped lounge/dining room, superbly fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room), LPG gas radiator central heating, Georgian style double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free UPVC white fascias, barge-boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, low maintenance gardens with on-site car parking space

BICESTER PARK HOME ESTATE GP £180,000
(10 miles Oxford)

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A brand new Prestige Sonata II 40' x 20' twin unit to be sited early 2017 on recently established park home site. Hall, lounge, dining area, fitted kitchen with vaulted ceiling, 2 good bedrooms (main bedroom with en-suite shower room and walk-in wardrobe), bathroom, furnishings, carpets, curtains, blinds, LPG gas radiator central heating, UPVC Georgian style double glazed windows and doors, maintenance-free white UPVC fascias, barge-boards and soffits, textured walls, Decra style roof, brick built skirt and steps, garden with on-site car parking space

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(2.5 miles Oxford centre)

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WESTFIELD CLOSE, GROVE £72,500
(2 miles Wantage, 12 miles Oxford)

A mid 1980's Tingdene Mackworth 41' x 12' single unit set on good corner plot on established private park. Hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, 2 bedrooms, shower room, mains gas radiator central heating, UPVC double glazed windows, Decra style roof, textured walls, brick built skirt, gardens with scope to form on-site car parking space, communal car parking nearby

KINGS COPSE PARK, GARSINGTON £32,000

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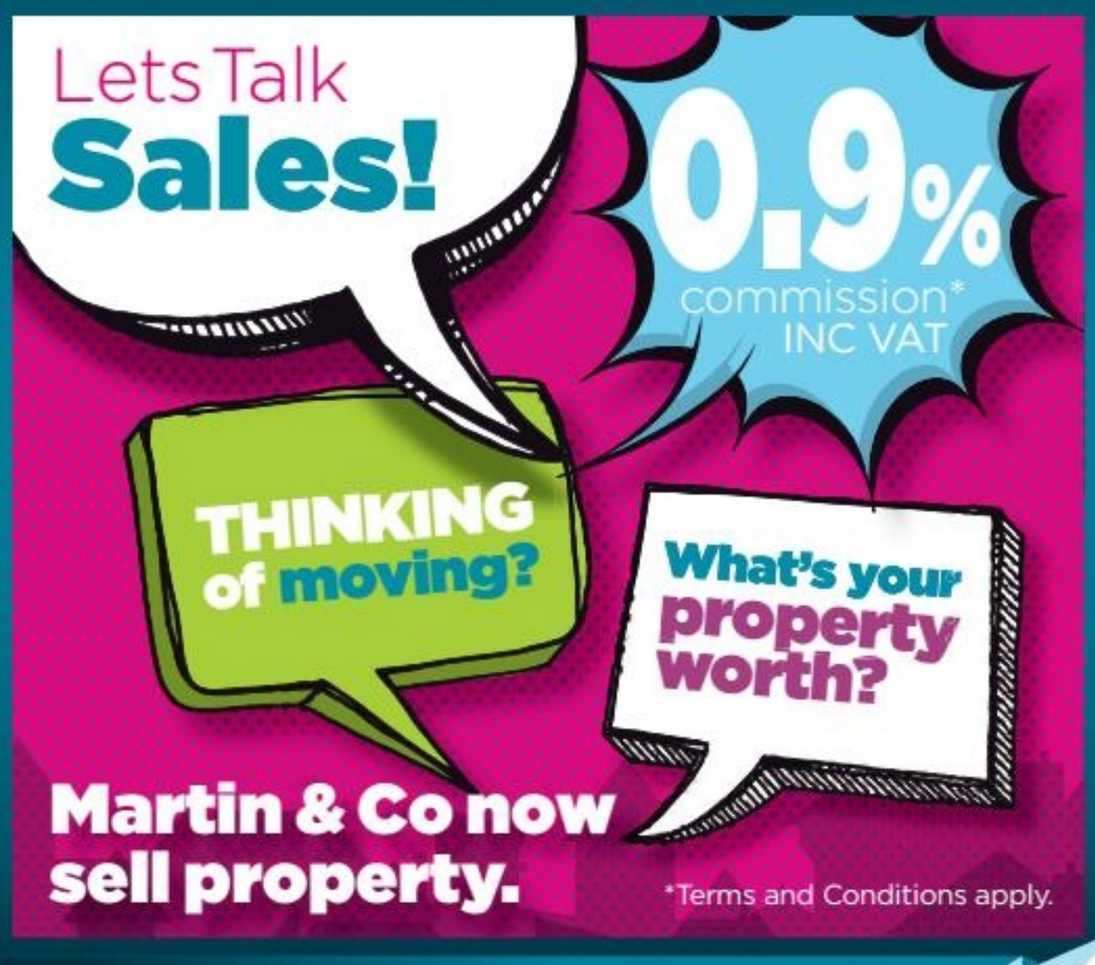

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What we need in Oxford is more home owners AND more Landlords!

Bill Cooper, co-author of The Oxford Property Blog and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford

I've been asked by a number of readers why I haven't posted following the Autumn Statement by the Chancellor and, in particular, commenting on the surprise announcement about the plans to consult on a plan to ban 'upfront tenant fees as soon as possible'. Richard and I have been asked to comment by newspapers and so far, we've politely declined to comment and here's why….

Too many other commentators are jumping to Doomsday conclusions and predicting the end of the property market as we know it, when they don't yet know what is being proposed or when the changes will come into force.

Will it be a tough transition for letting agents? Yes, is it likely to increase costs for landlords? Yes, probably. will it help or hinder the supply of affordable homes in Oxford? At best, it will be neutral, at worst, negative.

As readers know, I believe that the fundamentals of Oxford property remain strong for investors and owner-occupiers alike. Capital growth is excellent and I believe will prove resilient come what may; average rental yields remain strong versus national benchmarks, although there is great variability between post-codes and property types (from 3.5% in some areas up to 8% plus for well located houses in multiple occupation).

Savvy investors recognise that they can no longer have a narrow set of investment criteria, instead broadening their horizons to build a portfolio that optimises capital growth and rental yield.

I was delighted to hear that house building is being prioritised via the £2.3bn housing infrastructure fund, and I hope that Oxford benefits early given its minimum requirement for 400 new houses a year (that's around three times the current rate of building). However, I feel the Government remains too fixated on the home-ownership dream, rather than taking a broader strategic approach that recognises that new rented social housing and new private rental properties are required as well as new homes to buy – close to 7,000 new rental homes are required in Oxford by 2025, way more than can be built no matter how much money is spent.

Ahead of the detail that is required for informed comment, I am concerned that the Government remains anti-landlord in the mistaken belief that the country needs fewer landlords and more home owners. In fact, what we need in Oxford is more homeowners and more landlords. I believe some excellent landlords may be forced-out of the market by the sheer weight of Government anti-landlord policy, and that others may be put off further investment as alternative investments become viable once more. If that happens, the Government will be forced to back-peddle, but by then the damage may already be done.

Detached house in village offers lots of space

• From front page

exposed wood flooring leads to principle reception rooms, white suite WC and stairs to the first floor.

The triple-aspect living room with gas fireplace and stone surround has double doors leading to a conservatory overlooking the rear garden. To complete the ground floor, there is a separate and spacious study/fifth bedroom with ensuite bathroom. There is also a kitchen and utility room.

The first floor comprises four double bedrooms, with an ensuite shower room to the master bedroom, and a family bathroom.

To arrange a viewing, or for further details, contact selling agent Davis Tate Didcot on 01235 818371.

Football club looking to build on success with developer's backing

Harwell Football Club is hoping to propel itself to the next level after securing a sponsorship deal with housebuilder Bloor Homes.

The developer, which is building at The Willows development in the village, has signed a two-year agreement with the club worth £1,200 to sponsor the team's playing kit and tracksuits.

Harwell FC is embarking on its first season in Division Two of the North Berkshire Football League after sealing promotion as the champions of the third division in the last campaign.

The team plays its home matches at the Harwell Laboratories Recreational Association (HRLA) pitch at the Harwell Oxford science and technology campus.

Thomas Fisher, captain of Harwell FC, said: "As the only football club based in Harwell, we are delighted to have secured sponsorship with Bloor Homes for the next two seasons.

"The deal is a great way to celebrate our promotion to the second division and we hope it will help the club step up and perform at the next level.

"Our previous kit had been used for five years and had become very worn out and in need of updating, so we're extremely grateful to Bloor for their support which will help us look the part on the pitch this season."

Bloor is building 80 homes at The Willows development off Blenheim Hill in the east of the village.

Kim Willcock, regional sales director at Bloor Homes Southern, said: "We are proud to be sponsoring Harwell FC as they embark on their debut season in the second division of the league.

"We hope our support will enable the club to go from strength to strength and we wish them all the best for the new season."

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HENLEY-ON-THAMES £1,550 p.c.m. + FEES

A charming detached family home situated on the desirable Belle Vue Road, with garden, driveway and garage. In the catchment are for Trinity school and Gillotts secondary school
EPC E

BINFILED HEATH £1,595 p.c.m. + FEES

A delightful four bedroom house set in the heart of the village. With a south facing garden and parking for five cars. A downstairs bedroom offers space for an elderly relative, or perfect office/ playroom. **EPC D**

HENLEY-ON-THAMES £1,650 p.c.m. + FEES

This contemporary two bedroom apartment is situated within walking distance of the town centre and offer secure off-street parking. Henley town centre provides excellent leisure facilities and there is a wide selection of restaurants and wine bars.
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HENLEY-ON-THAMES £1,650 p.c.m. + FEES

An apartment benefitting from two double bedrooms both with ensuite, the master bedroom suite is particularly spacious with further sitting area, situated in a private courtyard in the heart of the town of the town centre.
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DAYTIME

BBC1

Countryfile, 6.20pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Fern Britton Meets Nigel Benn** (S) **11.00 Sunday Politics** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **1.45 FA Cup Final Score** (S) **4.20 Planet Earth II** (S)(R) **5.20 Songs of Praise** (S) **5.55 BBC News** (S) **6.10 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.20 Countryfile** (S)

7 **7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: The Results** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman present the results of last night's show. (S)

8 **8.00 Planet Earth II** Wildlife that inhabit the world's grasslands. (S)

9 **9.00 My Mother and Other Strangers** Rose's sister Vera arrives in Moybeg. (S)

10 **10.00 BBC News** (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action. (S)

11 **11.35 Sunny D** Dane dreads a meeting between his parents and Nicola's father. (S)
11.55 Citizen Khan (S)(R)

AFTER **12** **12.25 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **12.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

QI XI, 11pm

6.00 The A to Z of TV Gardening (S)(R) **6.45 Big Dreams Small Spaces** (S)(R) **7.45 Life in a Cottage Garden with Carol Klein** (S)(R) **8.15 Carol Klein's Plant Odysseys** (S)(R) **8.45 Countryfile** (S)(R) **9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.15 International Rugby Union** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** Football discussion. (S) **1.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship** (S) **6.00 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights** (S)

7.00 Live Snooker: UK Championship Coverage of the second session of the final from York. (S)

11.00 QI XL With David Mitchell, Noel Fielding and Holly Walsh. (S)
11.45 Jazzie B's 1980s: From Dole To Soul (S)(R)

12.45 FILM Three Fugitives (1989) (PG) Comedy, starring Nick Nolte. (S) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.15** Holby City (S)(R) **4.15** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

The Next Great Magician, 7pm

6.00 CITV 7.25 Scrambled! (S)(R) **9.25 ITV News 9.30 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S) **10.00 Peston on Sunday** (S) **11.00 Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury** (S)(R) **11.30 Let's Do Christmas with Gino & Mel 12.30 ITV News** (S) **12.35 The Chase** (S)(R) **1.35 The X Factor** (S)(R) **3.05 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **5.00 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.15 ITV News 6.30 Off Their Rockers** (S)

7.00 The Next Great Magician Featuring the Wanted's Tom Parker and the cast of TOWIE. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Dermot O'Leary reveals which acts are guaranteed a place in next week's final. (S)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! Ant and Dec present the final of the 16th series, as the remaining three famous faces take on the last challenges in the Australian jungle. (S)

10.35 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.50 Peston on Sunday Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. (S)(R)

11.50 Premiership Rugby Union Highlights from the 10th round of fixtures.

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Escape to the Chateau, 8pm

6.10 The King of Queens (S)(R) **7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.25 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie's Cracking Christmas** (S)(R) **1.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **2.20 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **3.20 FILM School of Rock (2003) (PG)** (S) **5.35 FILM Miracle on 34th Street (1994) (U)** Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Attenborough. (S)

7.35 Channel 4 News (S)

8.00 Escape to the Chateau Dick and Angel make plans for the moat and the woods. (S)

9.00 Humans Milo reveals his true intentions to Athena. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

11.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy panel show. (S)(R)

12.05 The Last Leg (S)(R) **1.00** 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) **1.50 FILM A Pigeon Sat on a Branch Reflecting on Existence (2014) (12) 3.35** Shipping Wars UK (S)(R) **4.10** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Green Lantern, 10pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.30 Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) **11.50 Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops** (S)(R) **12.20 FILM The 12 Gifts of Christmas (2015) (PG)** (S) **2.05 FILM Call Me Claus (2001) (PG)** (S) **3.50 FILM Deck the Halls (2006) (PG)** (S) **5.45 5 News Weekend** (S) **5.50 FILM Bulletproof Monk (2003) (12)** (S)

7.40 FILM Hellboy II: The Golden Army (2008) (12) Action fantasy sequel, starring Ron Perlman and Selma Blair. (S)

10.00 FILM Green Lantern (2011) (12) Premiere. Sci-fi adventure, starring Ryan Reynolds and Blake Lively. Includes 5 News Update at 11pm. (S)

12.15 FILM Zoolander (2001) (12) (S) **1.50** SuperCasino **3.10** Tour de Celeb (S)(R) **4.00** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.25** Tattoo Disasters UK (S)(R) **4.50** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.15** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals **6.20** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **11.25** The X Factor **1.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **2.00** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) Comedy, starring Munro Chambers. **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) Concluded. **3.50** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) Concluded. **5.50** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here! **6.50** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **7.50** FYI Daily **7.55** FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. **9.00** The Xtra Factor Live **10.00** Family Guy **10.35** I'm a Celebrity: Extra Camp **11.35** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **1.30** The Cleveland Show **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Doctor at Large **6.35** A Touch of Frost **8.40** Heartbeat **10.45** Foyle's War **12.45** FILM: Columbo: Dagger of the Mind (1972) (PG) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk and Honor Blackman. **2.50** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** FILM: The Nun's Story (1959) (PG) Concluded. **5.50** Foyle's War **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Alexander Armstrong's Land of the Midnight Sun **11.00** A Touch of Frost **1.00** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **2.05** FYI Daily **2.10** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.40** Wycliffe **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Flying Archaeologist **7.30** Britten's Endgame **9.30** The Turner Prize 2016: The Nominees **10.00** Storyville: Forever Pure – Football and Racism in Jerusalem **11.25** Cosmonauts: How Russia Won the Space Race **12.55** Monkey Planet **1.55** Blink: A Horizon Guide to the Senses **2.55** Egypt's Lost Queens **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Animals Unleashed **6.20** Baby Daddy **7.10** Melissa & Joey **8.05** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Hollyoaks **11.30** Made in Chelsea **12.35** First Dates Abroad **1.30** FILM: Addams Family Values (1993) (PG) **3.25** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **3.30** The Goldbergs **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Mechanic (2011) (15) Action thriller remake, starring Jason Statham. **10.50** Tattoo Fixers **11.50** The Inbetweeners **12.55** Rude Tube **2.30** Tattoo Fixers **3.20** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Tiny House Nation **9.50** Kirstie's Crafty Christmas **10.55** Vet on the Hill **11.55** Come Dine with Me **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Car SOS **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1980s **11.05** Dogging Tales **12.20** Secrets of the Living Dolls **1.25** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.25** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.10** Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Three Stooges (2012) (PG) Slapstick comedy, with Sean Hayes, Will Sasso and Chris Diamantopoulos. **1.00** Miracle on 34th Street (1947) (U) **2.55** The Rugrats Movie (1999) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Elizabeth Daily. **4.30** City of Ember (2008) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **6.15** Clear and Present Danger (1994) (12) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford. **9.00** Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.45** A Time to Kill (1996) (15) Courtroom drama, with Samuel L Jackson and Matthew McConaughey. **1.40** Wild Bill (2011) (15) Crime drama, starring Charlie Creed-Miles. **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.05 Storage Hunters UK **7.30** James May's Cars of the People **8.20** Top Gear: Burma Special **11.00** Motorway Cops **12.00** Storage Hunters **2.30** American Pickers **4.20** Top Gear: Burma Special **7.00** James May's Cars of the People **8.00** QI XL **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **11.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **12.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **3.00** Suits **4.00** Close

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Pie in the Sky **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Sense and Sensibility **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Dwelling Place **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** New Tricks **9.00** Silent Witness **11.10** Spooks **1.50** The Great Train Robbery **3.30** Garden Hopping **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **7.30** Futurama **9.00** Supergirl **10.00** The Flash **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Drone Racing League **1.00** Futurama **2.30** Modern Family **5.00** The Simpsons **6.00** Harry Hill's Tea-Time **6.30** Yonderland **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** A League of Their Own **9.00** A League of Their Own US Road Trip **10.00** The Force: Essex **11.00** The Force: Manchester **12.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **1.00** Strike Back: Project Dawn **3.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **4.00** Road Wars

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The British **7.00** Fish Town **8.00** The West Wing **1.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Cold Case **9.00** Westworld **10.10** The Affair **11.20** The Young Pope **12.30** Divorce **1.05** FILM: Becoming Mike Nichols. **2.25** Ray Donovan **3.35** Entourage **4.10** The British **5.05** Fish Town

W SKY: 109

6.10 Singing in the Rainforest **7.10** Your Home in Their Hands **8.30** EastEnders **11.00** Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **3.00** Doctor Who **7.00** My Family **9.00** FILM: Baby Mama (2008) (12) Comedy, starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. **11.00** The Call Centre **1.00** The Happenings **1.50** New Tricks **3.00** Home Shopping

CHRISTMAS GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 Bewitched **7.50** Lovejoy **10.05** Only Fools and Horses **1.15** Richard E Grant on Ealing Comedies **2.20** FILM: A Run for Your Money (1949) (U) Ealing comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **4.00** FILM: Groundhog Day (1993) (PG) Comedy, starring Bill Murray. **6.00** Marley's Ghosts **8.40** Only Fools and Horses **10.40** The Royle Family **12.00** Harry Enfield and Chums **12.40** Harry Hill's TV Burp **1.10** Extras **2.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp **2.55** Bewitched **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 Premier League Highlights **9.00** The Sunday Supplement **10.30** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Bournemouth v Liverpool (kick-off 1.30pm). **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Everton v Manchester United (kick-off 4.00pm). **7.00** EFL Goals **7.30** Football Gold **7.40** Live La Liga Football. Valencia v Malaga (kick-off 7.45pm). **9.45** Football Gold **10.00** Premier League Highlights **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.00** Premier League Highlights **1.00** Premier League Legends **2.00** Goals on Sunday **3.00** Premier League Highlights **4.00** Football's Greatest Players **4.30** Football's Greatest Teams **5.00** Premier League 100 Club **5.30** Spanish Football Gold

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The classic tale of Robinson Crusoe

By James Richings

A SHIPWRECK, treasure hunt and the classic pantiomime dame all add up to high jinks on the high seas for Robinson Crusoe.

The show which runs until Sunday, January 8 at The Theatre Chipping Norton is one of the most popular tales.

"As in the original novel, Robinson is shipwrecked on a deserted island, but in our version of the story, Robinson was sailing on the "Saucy Nancy" in search of his father's 'hidden treasure'", actor Craig Rhys Barlow, who plays the title character told the Guardian.

"They are attacked by the Pirate Queen, Betty Babcock, before a violent storm hits.

"The ship is then wrecked on an exotic island, separating Robinson from his mother (the dame in our production), Polly (his new love), the crew and his father's treasure map.

"He struggles to survive in the wilderness before meeting Friday, the last of an indigenous tribe.

"But will Friday help Robinson find his mum, honour his dad's legacy, defeat the Pirate Queen and win the girl?"

The popular novel was written by Daniel Defoe and first published in April 1719.

It became a huge hit with bookworms around the globe with 'Robinson Crusoe' being regarded as one of the first novels that marked the beginning of realistic fiction as a literary genre.

It is now one of the world's most published books, with the plot being adapted into a television show, a stage production and a film.

Pantomimes at The Chipping Norton Theatre are becoming incredibly popular, with last year's show, 'Robin Hood' a huge success attracting families from all over the county.

And Craig is confident that this year's offering will be also be a big hit.

"Pantomime has a very similar formula to the Disney movies," he said.

"They were created primarily for the enjoyment of children, but many of the jokes and plot-points work on two levels: one for the children and one for the adults.

"Besides, no one is too old to be a bit silly."

• Emilia Williams as Polly Perkins, Andrew Pepper as the Dame, Camilla Crusoe, Craig Rhys Barlow as Robinson Crusoe (Photo by Silver Apples Photography)

He added: "I'm thrilled to return to Chipping Norton and I didn't hesitate when I got the call.

"In 2011 I was here for 'Ali Baba' and had a wonderful time.

"The Cotswolds are a magical place to spend Christmas and the Chipping Norton Theatre is a magical place to do panto."

"The Chipping Norton panto is always supported unbelievably well by the people of Oxfordshire.

"It is a privilege to be a part of that; to feel like you're a big part of what makes people's Christmases great."

Tickets cost from £10 to £26.

Fancy some rabbit?

MUSIC: Legendary duo Chas and Dave will be performing at the O2 Academy on Sunday, December 4.

The twosome, who have been jamming together for 40 years arrive at the Cowley Road venue to perform tunes off their 15 studio albums.

Tickets cost £24.75 and doors open at 7.30pm.

Clowning in the city

COMEDY: Adam Hills will be at the New Theatre on Saturday, December 10.

The award-wining Australian comic, who is best known for presenting the Channel Four comedy show, The Last Leg, arrives in the city as part of his, Clown Hart UK tour.

Suitable for anyone over 14, tickets cost £38.90 and it starts at 8pm.

Walk in the air

MUSIC: A festive family fun show will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot, this Sunday.

The Abingdon Concert Band comes to the Station Road venue to present The Snowman, with the musicians performing tunes from the famous children's novel.

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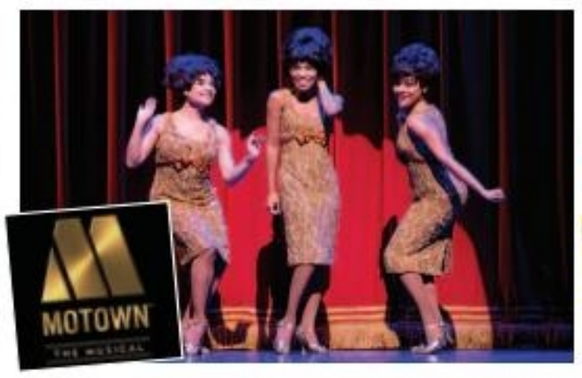

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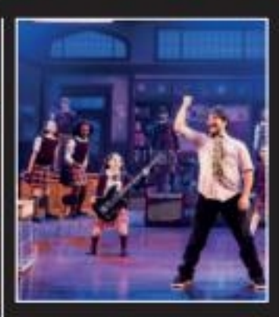

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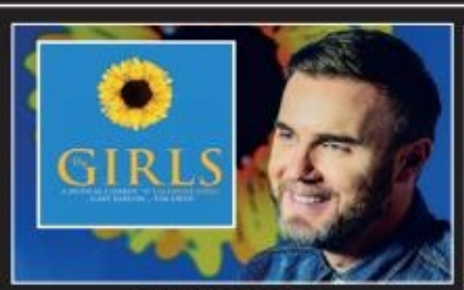

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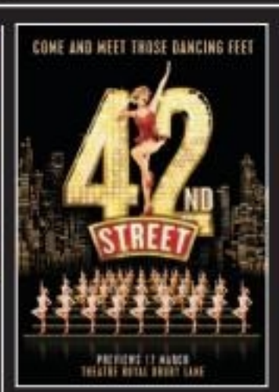

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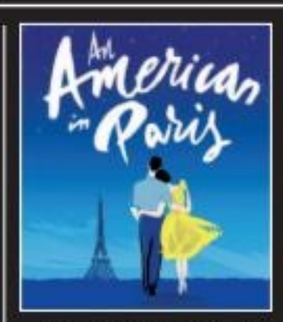

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Some-Thing very different

By James Richings

FOLLOWING the success of, 'The Snow Dragon' last year, the Tall Stories Theatre Company will be returning to the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot.

The company, which specialises in children's theatre, will return to the Station Road venue with, 'Emily Brown and the Thing', based on the book by award-winning author Cressida Cowell, who is best known for writing the, 'How to Train Your Dragon' series.

The production runs from Tuesday until Christmas Eve.

And with the show suitable for children over the age of three, director Olivia Jacobs insists that the production will have something for parents as well.

"On average, 60 per cent of our audience are grown-ups and we always try to ensure that all our productions work for adults as well as children," she revealed to the Guardian.

"As we grow up, we often forget how good it is to be told a great story really well and there's nothing more pleasing than hearing our adult audience members leaving the theatre saying how much they loved the show quite independently of their children.

"And as well as press reviews for the show our website has feedback from grown-ups as well as children and we've been hugely pleased with the response from both."

The story, which is part of the 'Emily Brown' book series looks at the title character and her old pet rabbit Stanley.

One evening when they are about to fall asleep, the two hear a strange noise coming from outside their bedroom window.

When they discover that it is a crying Thing who is struggling to fall asleep, the three go on a magical adventure to find the Thing's bedtime milk and medicine.

But will Emily and Stanley find the missing items to help the Thing fall asleep? Or will the Thing be upset forever?

"I love many things about working with a family audience," Olivia said.

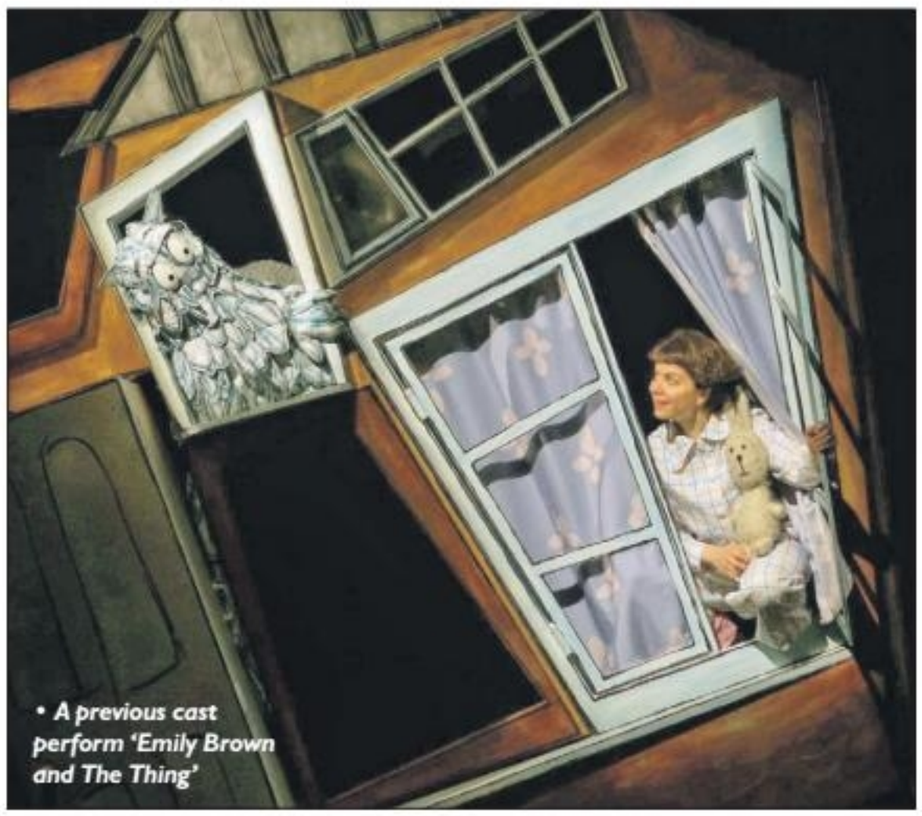
"I love our audience's willingness to go on a journey and to engage their imaginations, I love the fact that we can involve instinctive audience comments in the performance and make each show specific to who is in the room and I love that fact that we get a very immediate, honest response to our work.

"If the children in the audience don't enjoy it, they will let us know by making noise, letting their seats flip up, wonder around or quite literally say 'this is boring'.

"We learn so much from our preview performances of a show just by paying attention to our audience's reactions – seeing if, where and when they get distracted or where the pace in the show has lulled for them.

"It means we can go back into rehearsals and continue to improve our work based on our audience's honest opinion."

Tickets cost from £12.50 to £38.



• A previous cast perform 'Emily Brown and The Thing'

Dillie's just fascinating

COMEDY: Comedian and musician Dillie Keane will be returning to Oxfordshire on Saturday as the 60-year-old is gearing up for an appearance at the Wallingford Corn Exchange.

The entertainer, who has had three sold out shows at the Market Place venue in the past, is best known as one third of cabaret group, 'Fascinating Aïda.'

Tickets cost £17.50 and the show starts at 7.45pm.

Help find Dory

FILM SCREENING: 'Finding Dory', will be screened at The Beacon in Wantage on Saturday.

In the sequel to the 2003 flick, 'Finding Nemo' Dory is trying to find her parents after she was separated from them at a young age.

It starts at 11am and tickets cost £3.

Screaming in the city

LIVE MUSIC: Scottish band Primal Scream will be gigging at the O2 Academy next Thursday, December 8.

The band, who formed in 1982, come to the Cowley Road venue to perform tracks off their 11 albums, including their latest 'Chaosmosis', released in March.

Tickets cost £29.81 and doors open at 7.30pm.

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ENTERTAINMENT & LISTINGS

Sofie's shattering humour

By James Richings

WHEN making the decision to leave her native Denmark for England, Sofie Hagen did not know what to expect.

Four years on, the comedian has won numerous awards and is cementing her name in the entertainment industry.

And as part of her, 'Shimmer Shatter' UK tour, the Dane will be arriving at the Old Fire Station in Oxford this Saturday.

The comic's previous encounter at the George Street venue saw her perform for five minutes to a crowd of seven people.

And even though the experience was a good but brief on, she hopes there will be more in the audience this weekend.

"It will be wonderful to come back to a slightly different kind of night," Sofie told the Guardian.

"But I am scared someone is going to recognise me from years ago and say, "that was that girl who had really bad jokes and left after five minutes!"

About the tour name, Sofie revealed: 'Shatter' is one of my favourite words in the English language.

"I love the contrast between 'Shimmer' and 'Shatter'.

"There is a darkness to my show, even though the message is a positive one.

"I like talking about dark stuff. "It's important."

Prior to her move from Copenhagen to London in 2012 to pursue a career in comedy, Sofie worked for a number of charities in her native country.

Charities such as, 'Red Cross Youth,' 'Danish Refugee Council' and the 'Danish Demining Group' were just some of the aid organisations she worked for.

But after work, the aspiring comic would travel all over Copenhagen to try and get into comedy clubs, so she could get a taste of performing her material live.

The positive responses from audiences gave her the confidence to move to the UK to take on comedy full-time.

And since moving, she has won a number of comedy awards, inclding the 'Best Newcomer' category at the 2014 Chortle Awards.

When talking about working for a number of charities, Sofie said: "It was very emotionally hard – but I loved it and I was good at it.

"But at the same time I was discovering the Danish comedy circuit.

"Ask any Danish comedian who was around six years ago and they will all tell you that I was so annoying.

"I would go to all the open mics and comedy clubs in Copenhagen that I could find.

"After the shows I would try and engage the comedians in talks about comedy as I just wanted to have comedy in my life.

"Eventually one of them said, "You have a five minute spot on Tuesday, be there."

"I was too afraid to turn it down so I did the gig and never looked back.

"They knew I wanted to be a comedian before I did."

The show is suitable for over 16s and will start at 8pm.

• *Sofie Hagen (Photo by Per Bix)*

Jon's no Nidiot

COMEDY: Comedian Jon Richardson will be arriving at The Theatre Chipping Norton on Wednesday, December 7.

The 34-year-old arrives at the Spring Street venue as part of his 'work in progress' UK tour.

His last stand-up show, 'Nidiot', took place in 2014.

Suitable for over 14s, tickets cost £15.50 and it will begin at 7.45pm.

Home show for Purdy

LIVE MUSIC: Oxfordshire-born musician Rebecca Purdy will be performing at the Kenton Theatre in Henley this evening, Thursday.

The singer-songwriter, who is from Nettlebed, comes to the New Street venue to perform tracks off her album, 'Diamond in the Dust', which was released last October.

Tickets cost £20 and the concert will start at 7.30pm.

Last open mic night

VARIETY: Didcot Cornerstone Arts Centre's last open mic night of 2016 will take place on Tuesday, December 13.

It is held on the second Tuesday of each month, and gives local comedians, poets, musicians and storytellers the chance to share their talents.

The free event starts at 7.30pm.

Thu, Dec 1, 7.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
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Sat, Dec 3, 8pm
Old Fire Station, Oxford
SOFIE HAGEN
The Foster's Edinburgh Comedy Award Newcomer and Chortle Best Newcomer 2015 winner takes her brand new show on tour.
Join one of the fastest rising stars in comedy as she attempts to tackle her inner and outer demons in this hilarious and very personal show.
Sofie has appeared on BBC2's Live from the BBC (headliner), Comedy Central's Russell Howard's Stand Up Central and Radio 4's The Now Show amongst many others. Her popular "Guilty Feminist" podcast has reached 250,000 downloads.

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Sun, Dec 4, 12pm and 4pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
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Tue, Dec 6 - Sat, Dec 24
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
EMILY BROWN AT THE THING
Following the huge success of The Snow Dragon last year, Tall Stories are back this Christmas with their brand new show, based on the much-loved book by Cressida Cowell (How to Train your Dragon author) and Neal Layton. One evening, Emily Brown and her old grey rabbit Stanley, hear a Thing crying outside their window. He just can't get to sleep.

Sun, Dec 7, 7.30pm
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Wed, Dec 7, 7.45pm
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"You don't have to get up early to impress guests with a holiday breakfast," said Chef Kevan Vetter of the McCormick Kitchens. "Take waffles, simply add green food color to the batter then dust with powdered sugar 'snow' to resemble Christmas trees. Or prepare a cinnamon roll casserole the night before. Soak cut-up challah bread in milk and cinnamon overnight, bake until golden in the morning. Finish off with a drizzle of cream cheese frosting."

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Christmas Tree Waffles

Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4

2 cups waffle mix
1 1/3 cups milk
1 egg
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract
15 drops McCormick Green Food Color
Confectioners' sugar
Mini candy-coated chocolate pieces

Preheat round waffle iron. Spray with no stick cooking spray. Mix waffle mix, milk, egg, vegetable oil, vanilla and food coloring until blended.

Pour about 1/3 cup of batter onto center of hot waffle iron. Close lid. Cook about 5 minutes or until no longer steaming. Carefully remove waffle. Repeat with remaining batter.

Break each waffle into 4 triangles. Layer 3 triangles on a serving plate to resemble a Christmas tree. Sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Use candy-coated pieces to decorate tree as ornaments.

Overnight Cinnamon Roll Casserole

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 25 minutes
Servings: 12

12 eggs
1 1/2 cups plus 3 tablespoons milk, divided
2 tablespoons McCormick Ground Cinnamon, divided
5 teaspoons McCormick Pure Vanilla Extract, divided
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
1 loaf challah or brioche bread, cubed
1/4 cup butter, melted
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 cup whipped cream cheese
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Mix eggs, 1 1/2 cups of milk, 1 tablespoon of cinnamon, 3 teaspoons of vanilla and baking powder in large bowl with wire whisk until well blended. Add bread cubes; toss to coat well. Pour into 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with no stick cooking spray. Cover. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350∞F. Remove casserole from refrigerator. Mix melted butter, brown sugar and remaining 1 tablespoon cinnamon in small bowl until well blended. Drizzle over casserole. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

Meanwhile, mix cream cheese, confectioners' sugar and remaining 2 teaspoons vanilla in small bowl until smooth. Slowly stir in remaining 3 tablespoons milk. Drizzle over casserole before serving.

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WHEN you first see the HR-V you will think 'is it a coupe or an SUV?' That's exactly what I thought, but I have been told that Honda wanted it to have the lines of a coupe, but also the robustness of an SUV - and to be honest they seem to have pulled that off rather well and now the HR-V is one of the better looking SUV's currently on the market.

By **Anthony Yates**

Engine:

The 1.6 Litre i-DTEC (120PS) has 300Nm of torque and is actually a fantastic little diesel engine and is so far this year one of the better ones I have come across. I am also happy to report that the engine feels very refined and has bags of torque available when you need it most which makes motorway driving easy, quiet and unfussy.

The HR-V will also return a combined 68.9MPG if driven with a very light right foot – and the emissions came in at a very respectable 108 g/km. Top speed will also stop at around 119mph and 0-62 will come in around10 seconds.

On the road:

The HR-V does not feel heavy or cumbersome at all - and you can sense that Honda has put in a lot of effort in setting up the suspension and chassis to help deal with the many different surfaces the HR-V will come across in its lifetime– be that the morning school run or that camping trip away in a remote part of Scotland

Inside:

The interior is of a good standard and its controls are well set out and all the dials are clear. I did not like the driver's seat as I found I just couldn't get the seating position perfect for me – but then I am quite fussy. Space inside is also good – better than most, and you could easily fit in a very large family.

Plus – everything inside the HR-V feels well put together. Passenger leg room is also fine as is the boot space with a seats up capacity of (470 litres) and seats folded flat capacity of (1533 litres).

Standard equipment in the EX model range is good with equipment such as, heated front seats, leather interior, 17" alloys, smart entry & start, panoramic open glass roof, driver/passenger & side airbags along with ABS & vehicle stability assist, forward collision warning, land departure warning system, highbeam support system and traffic sign recognition system.

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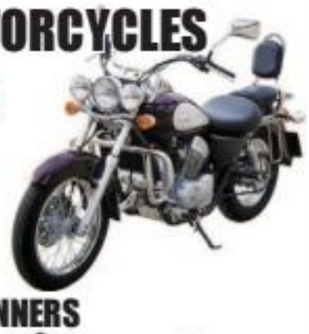

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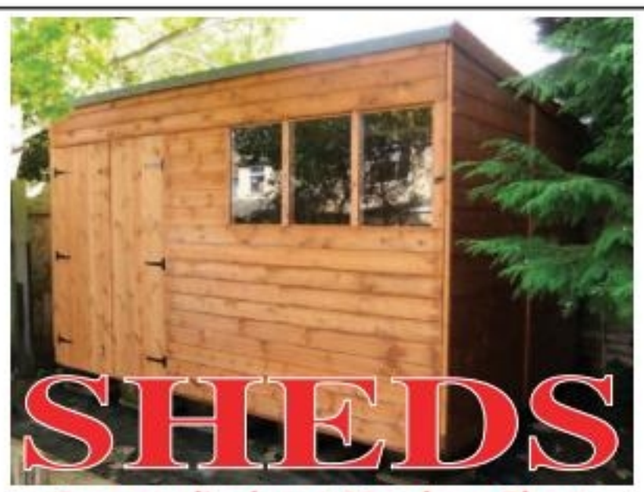

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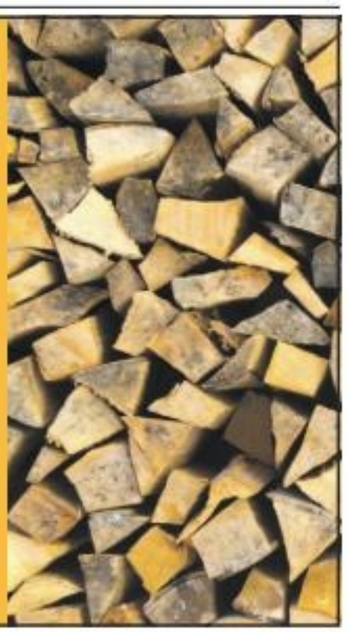

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Massa's swansong sees him take ninth in Abu Dhabi GP

By Adam Flinn

FELIPE Massa ended his 250th and final Formula One race in the points as he drove a solid race to come ninth in Sunday's season-ending Abu Dhabi Grand Prix.

In a race that saw Nico Rosberg crowned the 2016 champion over his Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton, Massa made good use of the two-stop strategy to score two points in his F1 swansong.

Massa battled with Williams team-mate Valtteri Bottas in the early stages of the race, with the Finn able to get past after launching his car up the inside.

But Massa got back past when Bottas suffered suspension problems a few laps later to get back into ninth, where he remained after the pit-stops.

It means that 35-year-old Massa ends his 14 years in Formula One with 11 wins, 41 podiums and 1,124 points.

"I'm proud to have been fighting up to the last lap of the race in the same way I fought in the first lap of my career," said Massa.

"I want to say thank you to everyone, everyone who has been with me all the way, to the fans and to Williams, who I will keep supporting in the future.

"Thank you to everyone who has been part of everything I have been through, I have finished my career with my head up, the same way I started."

Ahead of the race, Massa was given some leaving gifts from his team, including his Williams car from the Brazilian Grand Prix two weeks ago.

Rob Smedley, head of performance engineering at Williams, said: "I've known Felipe since he was a child, he's one of my best mates.

"He's not only a great driver with an outstanding career, but a really good human being as well.

"I wish him all the best for his life in the future."

However, it was a disappointing end to the season for Bottas, who was forced to retire from the race on lap six.

He had not long overtaken Massa for ninth place, but had to pit with a rear suspension issue which ended his afternoon early.

Bottas said: "When I was running in ninth, I felt something suddenly break in the rear of the car with the suspension and the car was pretty undrivable after that.

"We tried to fix it in the garage, but it was not possible so we had to retire.

"It is a shame to end the season like this, but it does mean that I'm now very much looking forward to next year."

The results mean that Williams finished fifth in the constructors' championship with 138 points, after they were beaten to fourth by Force India.

• *Felipe Massa and the Williams team mark his last race in Abu Dhabi (Picture courtesy of Williams Martini Racing)*

Drivers' championship standings

1. Nico Rosberg	Mercedes	385
2. Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	380
3. Daniel Ricciardo	Red Bull	256
4. Sebastian Vettel	Ferrari	212
5. Max Verstappen	Red Bull	204
6. Kimi Raikkonen	Ferrari	186
7. Sergio Perez	Force India	101
8. Valtteri Bottas	**Williams**	**85**
9. Nico Hulkenberg	Force India	72
10. Fernando Alonso	McLaren	54
11. Felipe Massa	**Williams**	**53**
12. Carlos Sainz	Toro Rosso	46
13. Romain Grosjean	**Haas**	**29**
14. Daniil Kvyat	Toro Rosso	25
15. Jenson Button	McLaren	21
16. Kevin Magnussen	**Renault**	**7**
17. Felipe Nasr	Sauber	2
18. Jolyon Palmer	**Renault**	**1**
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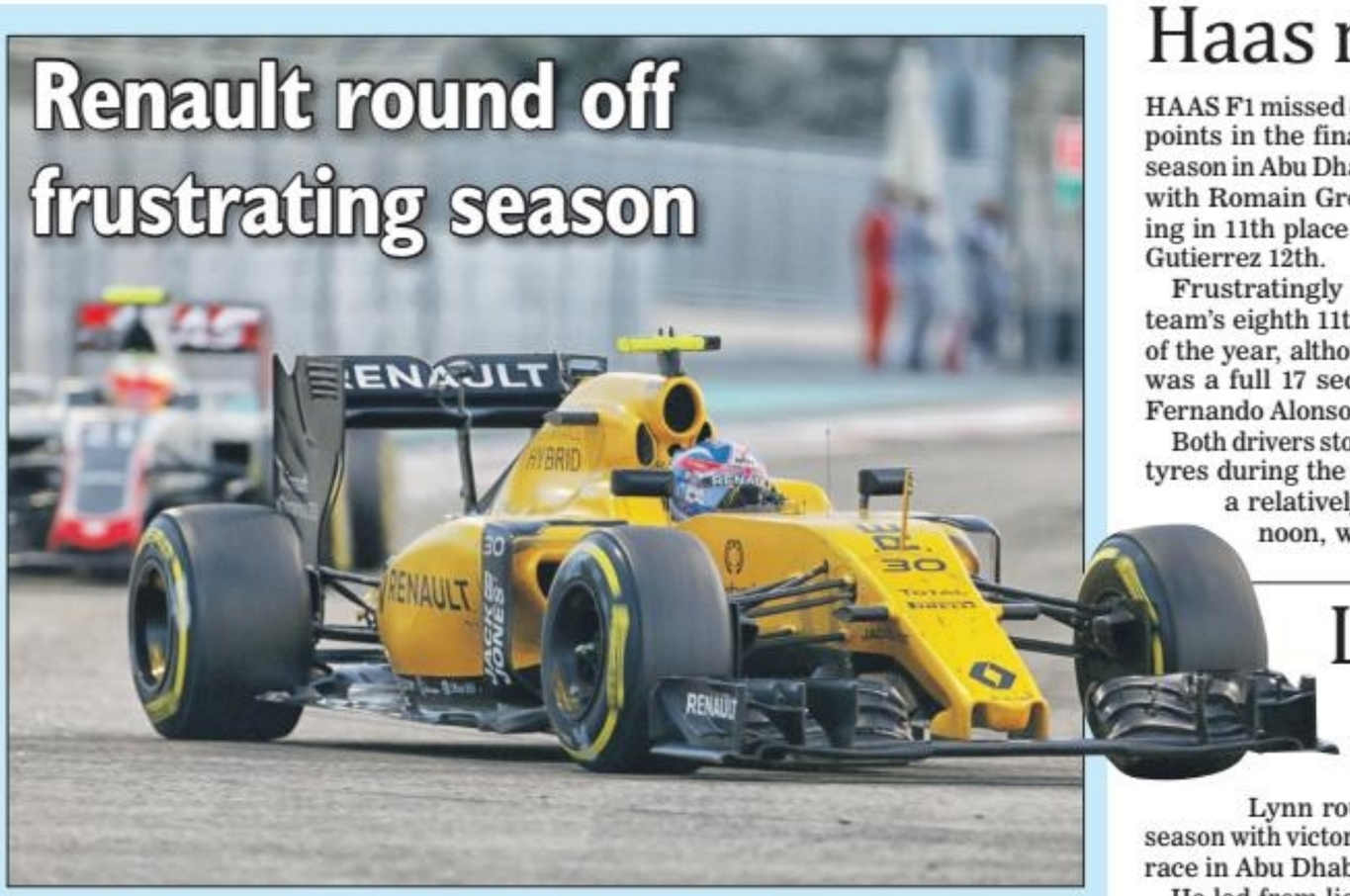
Renault round off frustrating season



• *Jolyon Palmer (picture courtesy of Renault Sport Formula One Team)*

RENAULT'S disappointing season concluded in fitting fashion as last place for Jolyon Palmer and a retirement for Kevin Magnussen was all the Enstone-based team could achieve in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

Palmer, however, had made a promising start to the race and was up to 11th in the early stages.

But his Renault suffered much more from tyre degradation than those around him, meaning he had to make three pitstops while most of the grid did two.

A late attempt to overtake Carlos Sainz went wrong and he hit the Toro Rosso driver, receiving a five-second penalty for his efforts and ending the race 17th.

Palmer said: "I had a really good start and was keeping pace with the Williams for a while, but unfortunately the tyre degradation was unbelievable for us.

"I was trying to fight with everyone through the race but I had no grip which makes it very difficult."

Magnussen's race was effectively over on the first lap after a collision damaged his suspension, and he stopped on lap five.

He said: "We tried to continue but it was clear that something was broken."

Haas miss out on the points again

HAAS F1 missed out on scoring points in the final race of the season in Abu Dhabi on Sunday, with Romain Grosjean finishing in 11th place and Esteban Gutierrez 12th.

Frustratingly it was the team's eighth 11th-place finish of the year, although Grosjean was a full 17 seconds behind Fernando Alonso in 10th.

Both drivers stopped twice for tyres during the race and had a relatively quiet afternoon, with Grosjean winning the inter-team battle.

He said: "We've had a wonderful season and surprised everyone with some highs and some lows.

"There are a lot of things we can improve through the winter, mainly about the tyres, so I'm looking forward to next season."

Gutierrez, who drove his last race for Haas, said: "I'm very happy to have worked with everyone on this team.

"I really did try my best to give them my best performance, and hopefully this leaves them all with a great memory."

Elsewhere, fellow Banbury-based team Manor ended 13th and 14th with Esteban Ocon and Pascal Wehrlein respectively.

The two drivers collided during the race, with each blaming the other one for it, although no major damage was caused.

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Lynn ends GP2 with victory

OXFORD-BASED GP2 racer Alex Lynn rounded off his season with victory in the sprint race in Abu Dhabi on Sunday.

He led from lights to flag to win the final race of the season ahead of Johnny Cecotto and Sergey Sirotkin, while Pierre Gasly was confirmed as series champion.

The Williams F1 test driver held the lead going into the first corner and proceeded to pull away, never looking like losing.

It came after he finished eighth in Saturday's feature race, and ended the season sixth in the standings on 124 points.

Lynn said: "It feels really good to repay the DAMS guys for everything after a tough season, and just a really nice way to top off the year and go out in style.

• *Alex Lynn won his final GP2 race in Abu Dhabi on Sunday (Picture courtesy of gp2series.com)*

"With about 10 laps remaining, I began to feel confident. I could see Sergey dropping back, and I felt in control."

Lynn has confirmed he will not be contesting a third season in GP2 in 2017 and has yet to formally announce his plans.

Oxford Ladies hit rock bottom

OXFORD Hockey Club Ladies 1s slipped to the bottom of the table after a damaging 4-1 defeat at fellow strugglers Buckingham 2s on Saturday.

On a cold morning, the game started evenly with a few forays forward by both teams. It was Buckingham who broke the deadlock when an attack through the middle of the park forced a save from Emma Henriksen in the Oxford goal, but the ball fell kindly to Emily Protheroe to finish.

OHC were then punished for a loose ball out of defence and the opposition pounced again to double their advantage through Andrea Freshwater.

Oxford stepped up their game and a great ball into the D from Emily Malden meant Christy Barnard could latch on to it and put the ball beyond the Buckingham keeper to reduce the deficit.

Oxford were next to score, but Barnard, who deflected the ball into the net, had her effort disallowed for an earlier foot foul.

Buckingham improved in the second half and Georgie Holme scored the hosts' third to give them breathing space.

And, with 10 minutes remaining, Freshwater grabbed her second of the afternoon when she skilfully beat three defenders before notching Buckingham's fourth goal to seal a fine victory.

Most valuable player for Oxford was Jess Upjohn.

New England boss drops in to present RAF awards

By George Welch

THE winners of the 2016 RAF Benson Sports Personality of the Year Awards have been announced.

Six awards were handed out to those who have made a significant contribution to sport at the air base over the last year, and beyond.

Nominees were joined by the new England manager Gareth Southgate, as well as the Air Officer Commanding No 2 Group, Air Vice-Marshal Gavin Parker, who both presented awards along with the Station Commander.

Air Vice-Marshal Parker was visiting the station for the second time in two days after conducting the annual formal inspection the day before.

A keen sportsman himself, he said: "My heartiest congratulations to all the winners. The thing that struck me about all of the nominations is the level of effort and commitment; the selflessness from you all.

"You should be very proud of your nominations."

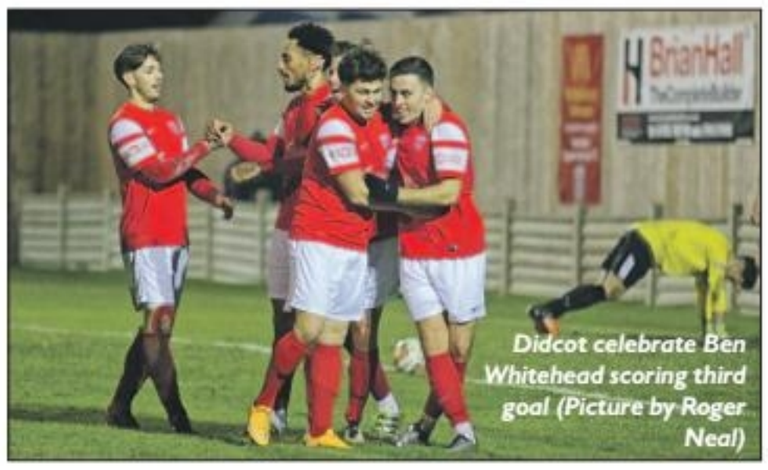
Group captain Hamish Cormack, station commander at RAF Benson, said: "Our sports awards are one of the highlights of the year. It is important that we formally recognise the achievements of those who go above and beyond to excel in their chosen sport.

"Regardless of their role in sport, the teamwork, discipline, professionalism and tenacity required directly transfers to their day jobs.

"All our award winners should be rightly proud of their fantastic achievements."

1. Sports Personality of the Year	Corporal Craig Lenane; Captained a cricket team in transition from a collection of individuals to a professional, well-motivated group of cricketers
2. Most Valued Person	Flight Sergeant Jon Radcliffe; Chairman of the Benson Lions Football Club who has been instrumental in the development of young players
3. Best Newcomer	Senior Aircraftman Siobhan Wasyliw; Crowned Best Female Lifter overall at the RAF championships despite being new to powerlifting
4. Coach of the Year	Sergeant Craig Moorhouse; Coach to the Benson Lion Cubs Under 11s who has developed youngsters into a champion team
5. Long Service to Sport	Flight Sergeant Matt Larkin; Current Men's Overall Water-ski champion
6. Team of the Year	Running and Athletics team; Winners of the President's Cup and inter-Station event

Didcot sink Supermarine as they extend winning run



Didcot celebrate Ben Whitehead scoring third goal (Picture by Roger Neal)

DIDCOT Town made it five wins in a row to propel them into play-off contention.

The latest victims of Diddy's run were Swindon Supermarine, who beat Didcot 5-1 on the opening day of the Evo-Stik League Southern Division 1 South & West season.

But on this occasion Andy Ballard's men ran out 3-1 winners in Swindon.

The Railwaymen had their hosts under pressure from kick off and took the lead on 15 minutes. The Supermarine defence failed to deal with a Sam Elkins deflected cross and Louis Joyce fired past Connor Johns.

Against the run of play, Swindon pulled level when former Didcot player George Reid's cross was diverted into the net by Declan Benjamin 10 minutes from the interval.

But Didcot regained the lead five minutes later when Ben Whitehead's shot rebounded off the post into the path of Joyce who made no mistake.

Whitehead sealed a deserved victory by firing past Johns. It saw Didcot move into the top 10 for the first time this season.

• Didcot Town's clash with second-placed Evesham United on Tuesday was postponed due to a frozen pitch.

Stars snuffed out twice

OXFORD City Stars lost both weekend matches to lose more ground on the league leaders.

Simon Anderson's side have lost three consecutive matches in the NIHLS1 and have lost five of their previous seven matches in all competitions.

The Stars lost 8-3 at leaders Chelmsford Chieftains on Saturday and were thunderstruck 5-3 by Milton Keynes Thunder at Oxford Ice Rink on Sunday.

The Stars raced to a 2-0 lead within six minutes at Chelmsford through Ben Paynter and Alan Green but were pegged back to 2-2 before the end of the first period. By the time Joe Edwards scored for Oxford in the last period his side had already conceded five.

As the visitors went all out to get back in the match, Chelmsford scored three more times in the final 10 minutes.

On Sunday, the Thunder, who were 3-0 up after the first period, powered to a 5-0 lead before Oxford woke up and scored three goals in the last six minutes.

The Stars travel to Chelmsford for the return fixture against the Chieftains on Sunday.

Oxford City Stars in action against Milton Keynes Thunder (Picture courtesy of Oxford City Stars)

Pepperell tells of delight at saving European Tour card

• Eddie Pepperell

AFTER saving his European Tour card at Q School, Abingdon golfer Eddie Pepperell said the experience was "exhilarating".

The Frilford Heath golfer required a top-25 finish at the six-day event in Spain last month after a poor run at the end of last season.

Missing seven cuts in his last eight tournaments left him outside the top-110 in the Race to Dubai, meaning he did not automatically keep his card. But an upturn in form at Q School allowed Pepperell to finish joint fifth to recapture a place on tour.

Speaking of his success at the PGA Catalunya Resort, he said: "Exhilarating is the word. In a totally different way to what it's like to be in contention at Wentworth, but still, totally encapsulating."

The 25-year-old was in fine form and strung six successive rounds under par.

Pepperell tees off at the Alfred Dunhill Championship in South Africa today to mark the new European Tour season.

Club reach first round of FA Buildbase Trophy for first time

North Leigh cup heroics...

By George Welch

NORTH Leigh beat higher opposition for the fourth time this season to create more history as they secured their passage into the first round of the Buildbase FA Trophy for the first time in their history.

A single goal was enough to secure victory at Eynsham Park on Saturday against their latest victims Kingstonian, who play a level above the Millers in the Isthmian League Premier Division.

Leigh's winner, struck home by attacking midfielder Aaron Woodley in the 66th minute, was the decisive moment but an inspired performance from Manny Agboola in the Leigh goal helped the west Oxfordshire side make more cup history, as John Brough's men also reached the FA Cup fourth qualifying round for the first time earlier this year.

Woodley's winner with 24 minutes to go was a moment of decisive quality when he latched onto a cross from the left at the edge of the Kingstonian penalty area.

With his back to goal he controlled the ball, swivelled and hit a superb left foot shot that flew past the visitors' keeper, Robert Tolfrey, into the far corner.

The first half had been edged by Kingstonian who had created a number of good chances but Agboola, who was in fine form, stopped everything that came his way.

The new signing thwarted Kingstonian forward Joe Turner, the pick of the visitors' attackers, on numerous occasions, but none were better than the save he made on 19 minutes.

Turner received the ball wide left, cut inside a defender and moved the ball across the edge of the Millers penalty area before hitting a hard right foot shot. Agboola somehow got a hand to the ball despite a deflection on the way to pull off a magnificent save.

After a first half of no clear cut chances, the second half saw more dominance by the away side and for the first 15 minutes the Millers were pegged back in their own half and had to defend a flurry of corners stoutly.

However, the Millers were dangerous on the break with George Seacole, Woodley and Roger James a constant threat to the visiting defence.

After the winning goal midway through the second half the pressure on the Millers intensified – but defenders Stuart Hole and Dan James, who both had excellent games, ensured the back line held firm.

• Aaron Woodley scored the winner for North Leigh (Picture courtesy of @NorthLeigh_FC)

Midfielder James Fawke had a half chance to add to the Millers' lead but his snap shot drifted wide.

The last 10 minutes saw the K's throw everything at Leigh's defence but Agboola was in inspired form in the Leigh goal.

North Leigh will travel to South Park on December 10 after Monday's first round draw.

Leigh's Tuesday night local derby against Wantage Town was abandoned after 20 minutes due to a frozen pitch. The Fred's were 1-0 up.

Sport Bites

Bid for U's shirts

FOOTBALL: Time is running out to bid for this season's Oxford United limited edition match-worn Remembrance Day poppy shirts in support of the Royal British Legion.

First team players donned the poppy shirts on the blue away shirt for United's SkyBet League One trip to Shrewsbury Town on November 12.

Each shirt has been signed by the squad and profits from the auction will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

The unique shirts are available for auction, with the club accepting bids to be emailed to poppyshirt@oufc.co.uk

Bids need to be submitted by 5pm today.

Captain resigns

CRICKET: Oxfordshire County Cricket Club captain Luke Ryan has stepped down from his position in search of a new challenge.

Ryan, 28, said he made the decision due to a new job and his part-time studying for an Open University degree.

Ryan, who has recently taken up a new job at the ECB as Regional Head of Participation & Growth (South Central), has captained Oxfordshire for the past four years.

Ryan was the county's youngest captain in December 2012 at the age of 24.

...but City crash out in upset

WHILE North Leigh continue to break cup records this season, Oxford City are having a season to forget.

Languishing in the lower third of the National League South – despite a recent resurgence of three consecutive league wins – City failed to progress beyond the second qualifying round of the FA Cup in September.

And on Saturday the Hoops' calamitous cup campaign continued with a 2-1 home defeat to lower league side South Park, who played nearly an hour without a goalkeeper and were reduced to 10 men, in the Buildbase FA Trophy third qualifying round.

City boss Justin Merritt admitted before the cup tie that he knew little of the Surrey-based Isthmian Division One side but that did not stop him making several changes to the side that demolished Margate 5-0 the previous weekend.

• Tom Winters equalised for Oxford City but it didn't prevent defeat (Picture by Michael Allen)

Knowing little of each other, early exchanges were tentative with no clear-cut chances falling to either side, and the visitors' cause was not helped when goalkeeper James Wastell had to be replaced by an outfield player just after the half-hour mark.

Despite that, it was South Park who took the lead on the cusp of half time through captain Kieran Lavery. City failed to break down the Sparks until the 77th minute when Tom Winters levelled the scores with a trademark shot from outside the box.

But South Park stole victory with three minutes left on the clock through Joe Jackson to set up a first round home tie against another Oxfordshire side, North Leigh.

Heavy defeats keep coming for the Freds

WANTAGE Town lost 5-1 twice in five days as they continue to struggle at the foot of the Division 1 South & West table.

Following a 5-1 defeat at Evesham United on Tuesday last week, the Freds lost by the same score at fellow strugglers Paulton Rovers on Saturday. Wantage hardly competed in a match that was completely dominated by their hosts.

The home side began brightly but Kane Simpson was denied by Eddie Cavanagh in the Wantage goal, who, despite the scoreline, had a fine game.

Somehow, Rovers went in at the break only 1-0 up, courtesy of Elliott Gibbons on the cusp of half time.

But Paulton were out of sight four minutes into the second half after Simpson fired home a curling effort and Gibbons nodded beyond Cavanagh to make it 3-0.

Kailan Gauld scored Rovers' fourth on the hour and Simpson grabbed their fifth – and his brace – 11 minutes from time.

Wantage's Mark Francis scored from the spot on 86 minutes, but it proved nothing more than a late consolation.

The Freds were 1-0 up against North Leigh on Tuesday night but the match was abandoned after 20 minutes due to a frozen pitch.

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U's hold leaders to draw

• *Phil Edwards, who scored his first Oxford goal at Scunthorpe on Saturday, trying his luck against Coventry in October (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

By George Welch

OXFORD United put in a spirited performance to draw 1-1 with table-topping and record-breaking Scunthorpe United on Saturday.

Trailing to a Duane Holmes header, the U's fought back superbly and a Phil Edwards goal gave them a point from an entertaining 90 minutes.

The home side, fresh from five straight wins, were full of confidence and played at a high tempo but United matched that effort.

The first 25 minutes saw two good sides largely cancel each other out until Josh Morris forced Oxford goalkeeper Simon Eastwood into a flying save with a blistering shot from the edge of the box.

The Iron dominated possession in the period before the break and Kevin van Veen went closest with another effort from the edge of the box.

But Oxford responded through Chris Maguire, who forced an excellent save from the Iron's goalkeeper Luke Daniels on the half-hour mark with a free kick.

Scunthorpe committed men forward and were rewarded when they took the lead on 35 minutes.

As United failed to clear their lines, a cross from Morris found Holmes, the smallest player on the pitch, who guided an unchallenged header inside the far post, giving Eastwood no chance.

As mist began to swirl around Glanford Park and the locals started to believe they would set a new club record of 22 home games without defeat, Oxford made a storming start to the second half and were back on level terms just two minutes after the restart.

A short right-wing corner from Maguire found Alex MacDonald, who crossed into a crowded box and the ball was turned home from close range by on-loan defender Phil Edwards to register his first goal for the club.

It was the first goal conceded by Scunthorpe in four games and suddenly they found themselves under pressure from Oxford.

A Kane Hemmings looping header was tipped on to the bar by Daniels on 51 minutes as the Yellows looked to get their noses in front.

Substitute Marvin Johnson then powered past his man to set up Hemmings, only for the ball to get stuck behind the striker's feet as he tried to bundle it home.

Scunthorpe did go close to snatching a winner twice as, first, striker Van Veen glanced a header just wide of the far post from Morris' in-swinging free-kick before Jamie Ness fired inches wide.

But Scunthorpe had to settle for a point to break the previous unbeaten home record which had stood for 65 years.

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